

Green Expo to feature information, services, products key to environment



ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation is title sponsor for the 2nd Annual Oklahoma Green Expo in Ada April 20 and 21.

The Green Expo, presented by the Ada Area Chamber of Commerce, features environmentally friendly practices of

business vendors and consumers. The two-day event hosts numerous "green" vendors at the Pontotoc Agriplex.

Everyone is invited to attend this unique and entertaining event. The Agri-Plex will be open for visitors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday for the Green Expo. Admission is free.

Additionally, keynote speakers will make presentations at the tribe's McSwain Theatre Friday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. (see sidebar article). A 5:30 p.m. reception will precede the speakers.

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Arbuckle-Simpson Festival April 27-28

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Come to the heart of the Chickasaw Nation April 27-28 and enjoy the natural beauty and history of the land during the Sixth Annual Arbuckle-Simpson Festival in Tishomingo.

The Chickasaw Nation is once again a lead sponsor of this exciting and entertaining event.

The Festival showcases the beauty and diversity of the area's flora and fauna, as well as its unique geological formations. Along with Festival favorites "The Ancient Geological Beauty of Pennington Creek," and "Avian Research and Banding," the Festival board has added a number of new offer-

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NATURE FESTIVAL

PBS 'ReCreating America' to feature Gov. Anoatubby

Producer David Kennard and Editor Jamie Lejeune have completed final post-production on the second film in the "ReC-



Gov. Bill
Anoatubby

series. "Reinventing Yourself" is a one-hour film that focuses on individuals who decided to start life all over again in middle-age - re-shaping their work, their sense of purpose, their relationships, even their personalities. In the final story,

a personal decision helps redefine the future of an entire Native American people.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby is featured in "Reinventing Yourself." In 1987, the Chickasaw Nation was facing bankruptcy.

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This Pendleton blanket celebrates Chickasaw culture. The blanket, entitled "Spring," is part of Pendleton Woolen Mills' "Legendary" series.

'Spring' Pendleton cues ancient Chickasaw culture

Symbols of rebirth, fresh beginnings, good luck and prosperity seem more than appropriate for the first blanket in the Pendleton Woolen Mills "Legendary" series featuring Mississippian designs.

Chickasaw artist Dustin Mater said that the design on the "Spring" blanket is based on the ancient culture that brought new life and a creative spark to his artwork.

"I've been drawing since I could hold a pencil, but I spent years trying to find my inspiration," said Mater. "I was drawing monsters and doing

abstract art painting and stuff that didn't really have a basis or meaning. I was just kind of finding what I could do. I never thought my art had anything to offer my family or my tribe."



Then he was asked to create artwork for a traditional Chickasaw story "Spider Brings Fire," and "Lowak Shop-pala" (Fire and Light), a theatrical production based on Chick-

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The Expo will showcase five themes:

- Home and Garden – including water and energy efficiency, building and remodeling, and landscaping techniques.
- Business and Industry – including energy efficiency, construction, and operation and maintenance.
- Community – recycling and reuse, transportation, and education.
- Lifestyle – including green products for your home.
- Agriculture – including organic farming, water and energy management, and integrated pest management.

The Expo will bring together a broad audience, including homebuilders, home buyers, remodelers, utility companies, solar energy systems build-

ers, home energy contractors, landscapers, retailers, transportation enthusiasts, and the general public. The emphasis will be on things that can be done now to increase efficiency. Programs will include how to improve the energy efficiency of your home, install a solar water heater, launch a new green business or service, and explore innovative vehicles.

Exhibitors will include Centertpoint Energy, OG&E, Golden Grains, Home Depot, Green Jobs Consortium and more.

Businesses vendors and industry leaders will attract new customers as they show how their products benefit both the environment and the customers.

CONTRIBUTED BY Kevin Scrivner, tribal media relations.

NASCAR Indy Pro driver, environmental officer to present keynote addresses during Green Expo



Leilani Munter

Leilani Munter is a NASCAR and Indy Pro race car driver. She is an environmental activist, stunt woman and television host. She is 2012's "Carbon Free Girl."

Ms. Munter holds a bachelor's degree in biology specializing in ecology, behavior and evolution from the University of California - San Diego. Since 2007, she has made a practice of adopting one acre of rain-forest for every race in which she competes. She is also a long time vegetarian and eco-activist.

She is the first Ambassador of the National Wildlife Fed-

eration and is politically active regarding environmental issues. She has made several visits to Capitol Hill to speak with members of Congress on behalf of clean energy and climate change legislation.

Ms. Munter is the fourth woman in history to race in the Indy Pro Series. Her racing accomplishments have landed her on the pages of USA Today, Italian Vogue, and Esquire. Sports Illustrated named her one of the top 10 female race car drivers in the world.

The mission of Ms. Munter's "Eco Dream Team" is to call to action 100 million race fans in the U.S. She works to spread information on environmental awareness, sustainable living alternatives, clean energy, alternative fuel vehicles, and environmental legislation.

Her efforts, she said, encourage race sanctioning bodies to increase their environmental initiatives with expanded recycling programs and the use of alternative fuels.

Also speaking is Vonda Lock-

wood, Wal-Mart's Senior Director of Store Operations, Sustainability and Compliance for U.S. Operations. Ms. Lockwood is responsible for program execution and implementation for over 4,000 stores across the country.

She leads Wal-Mart's Waste Sustainable Value Network where she works with various stakeholders including associates, non-government organizations, and supplier partners. Her work mission is to drive Wal-Mart to meet its zero waste goals.

Ms. Lockwood's background with Wal-Mart includes Operations, Store Planning, Training and Development, Global Indirect Sourcing, Sustainability and Compliance.

She holds a bachelor's degree in computer programming from the University of Central Oklahoma with a minor in biology.



Vonda Lockwood

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ings for nature enthusiasts.

All Festival activities are centered on the campus of Murray State College in Tishomingo. Registration, seminars, transportation and vendors will all be located on campus.

For complete registration and schedule information, please visit www.asnfok.net

The Festival will kick off Friday, April 27 with several free educational offerings, including "Extreme Animals." Shows are at 10 a.m. for area students, and at 1 p.m. for the general public.

Festival goers will have van transportation for any of the numerous outings scheduled this year. New outings for 2012 include "Capturing the Scenic Beauty of the Arbuckle-Simpson Area on Canvas," "Birding by Ear," and "Photographing

Butterflies."

"We should have a tremendous display of wildflowers for the Festival with nature off to an early spring this year," Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge manager Kris Patton said. "Also, an abundance of neo-tropical migrants should be returning to Tishomingo for spring nesting."

Friday evening's speaker will be Oklahoma Native Plant Society official Kim Shannon, who will present "Oklahoma Native Flora - Saving the Pollinators."

On Saturday evening following the Festival banquet Butterflies of the World Foundation founder Bryan E. Reynolds will present "Butterflies: Here Today, Gone Tomorrow?"

"Walking for Wildlife," in memory of John Bruno, will take place Friday morning. Mr.

Bruno was one of the founders of Tishomingo Refuge Ecology and Education Society (TREES). A portion of the registration fee will be donated to TREES in honor of Mr. Bruno and his family.

This year marks the second of the Nature Photography contest, open to amateur shutterbugs in both adult and youth divisions. Entry deadline is April 15 and all rules are on the Festival website.

The Arbuckle-Simpson Festival offers Chickasaws a tremendous opportunity to explore the natural beauty and pure resources that exist in our land.

For more information, contact Kris Patton at (580) 371-2402 or visit the Festival website at www.asnfok.net

Tour De Green bike rally during Expo



ADA, Okla. - The Ada Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a bicycle rally at 9 a.m., Saturday, April 21.

The Tour De Green Rally is

an effort to focus Oklahoma residents on the advantages of green living and lifestyles.

Participants will start at 1300 Cradduck Road, the old K-Mart building, and have a choice of routes that include 10, 28, 45 and 62 miles.

Registration is \$25 for one participant, or \$40 for two.

For more information, log onto oklahomagreenexpo.com or call Dana Nickel at (580) 272-5413.

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Make summer memories during summer camps, academies

Remember those summer days of your youth?

For those of us who are members of the “senior” Chickasaw generations, summer time often meant work on the family farm or at the local store. But the season also meant time off from school and the opportunity to experience nature, friends and family.

In today’s society, the world turns at a bit faster pace for Chickasaw youth. Expectations are higher and more of our youth want summer experiences that are structured, educational – and fun!

If you are a Chickasaw boy or girl, I hope you will take the time this summer to participate in one of the many Chickasaw Nation camps, clinics and academies. The menu of experiences offers something for everyone.

Our tribal camps include athletics, environment, healthy lifestyles, aviation, engineering, language and more. No matter what your interest, you are sure to find an experience that best fits your desires.

Inside the pages of this issue of the Chickasaw Times, you will find more than 20 camps, clinics and academies from which to choose. All the information is there for you, along with directions and deadlines for application.

Maybe you would like to join other Chickasaw students for Environmental Camp. You will experi-



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this is the camp for you!

ence many of the fundamental workings of our natural environment and see how your tribe is participating in “green” strategies. You will also visit the National Weather Center in Norman and discover the world of meteorology.

Do you have an interest in flight? Your tribe offers a wonderful camp experience called Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy. You will learn about the many properties of flight and will have the opportunity to operate a real flight simulator. If you’ve ever thought you might like to soar,

Do you think you’re a crack shot? Test your skills with rifle, pistol and bow at Tanumpo Hosa Apisa (Marksmanship Camp). Certified instructors will mentor you in gun safety and proper firing techniques. You will learn how to correctly handle the equipment, and how to improve your shooting prowess. You could end up in the Olympics!

As a young Chickasaw, you surely have thoughts about your tribal culture and heritage. Engage other youth at Chikasha Sayah (I Am Chickasaw), a camp dedicated to Chickasaw history and traditions. You will learn so much about who you are, where your ancestors came from, and what it means to be a Chickasaw in modern society. You will also enjoy great outdoor activities including boating and swimming.

These are just a few of the many experiences available to you this summer. At the Chickasaw Nation, we understand our young people want rich experiences that help them grow. Our youth also like to have fun! Fun is certainly a big part of what you will experience.

Apply for a camp today. If you’ve been to camp before, you know what a great experience is in store for you. If you’ve never attended summer camp, apply today! You’ll be so glad you did. You will meet lots of new people, and you will make memories that will last a lifetime.

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asaw history and culture. As part of the projects, he delved into research of Mississippian culture, symbols and designs.

“These Mississippian patterns just kind of spoke to me. It just kind of started growing and growing and growing,” he explained, the intensity in his voice rising with every word. “I just started having ideas blossom in my own head and in my own research that I was doing. It was just continuing the bloom of different ideas.”

While he was excited about the new direction of his artwork, one of his first showings drew a less than enthusiastic response.

“The first time I showed my artwork based on Chickasaw culture was at Red Earth in 2010 and most of the time I just got questions of ‘what is it?’ People were just not really getting what I was doing as an artist,” he said.

Undeterred, he approached Pendleton with a simple question – “How do I get my artwork on one of your blankets?”

In a short time, he was asked to send in some of his designs for consideration. He submitted 10 of his designs in 2011. “Spring” was selected to become part of the Legendary series.

“To have Pendleton see it and respond so positively to it kind of made me feel validated as an artist – that what I’m doing is on the right path,” he said.

His philosophy has always been to “study everything, absorb everything. Be a sponge. You never know where inspiration is going to hit you.”

His artistic influences run from Japanese illustrators to Monet to comic books.

Mater attended Santa Monica College and the Multimedia Institute in North Hollywood, but said that he has continued to develop his skill set through different kinds of artistic adventures in different mediums.

Now, whether he is engraving traditional shell gorgets, etching designs in glass, or creating graphic designs for poster art, his work bears the mark of his ancient Mississippian culture.

“My inspiration is the Mississippian mound builders in the old territories where the Muskogean people – where we all come from – Chickasaw and Choctaw people come from,” Mater said. “I don’t feel that any of this artwork belongs to me or to anyone else. This is our birthright. We all dip from the same well artistically. From (Classical music composer) Je-

rod Impichchaachaaha’ Tate to (textile artist) Margaret Roach Wheeler to (painter) Brent Greenwood.”

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said that it “means a great deal” to have Chickasaw culture represented on a Pendleton blanket.

“A Pendleton blanket based on the original design of a Chickasaw artist is a very meaningful way to share a part of our culture with the world,” said Gov. Anoatubby. “Dustin Mater is very deserving of this honor. He is using his talent in a way which pays tribute to the many generations of Chickasaw artists who have embraced our culture and tradition.”

Mater says he thinks the blanket designs signifying rebirth and fresh beginnings are especially appropriate because of what is happening with artwork based on southeastern American Indian culture.

“Right now it’s actually a really good time to be a Mississippian modern artist, because it is in a renaissance,” he said. “We are rediscovering, and enabling the world to discover, this artwork. It’s just a really exciting time to do this. I would recommend any aspiring artists or someone who just wants to know more about the

culture to go beyond the trail, to go beyond the first contact and just keep on digging.

“There is such a wealth of story and mythology and legend that it inspires me every day. Looking at the mounds from Moundville to the area near the Chickasaw Bluffs in Tennessee and all the surrounding areas. There is just so much that is unexplored.”

He said that he feels fortunate his work at the Chickasaw Nation offers a unique avenue to pursue his passion.

“This is really the first job

I’ve ever had where I’m looking forward to what I’m going to do next,” he said. “I’ve never had a job where I’ve been able to do the things that I’m interested in doing, the things that I am passionate about.

“My work here enables me to do what a lot of other Mississippian descendants are doing, which is keeping my culture alive and keeping the artwork alive. I feel like I’m part of something larger. I hope what I’m doing will inspire others.”

CONTRIBUTED BY Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Dynamic Women Forum set for April 26 in Ada

ADA, Okla. - The Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference & Forum 2012 is scheduled for April 26 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada.

This year’s conference and forum honors the Chickasaw master storyteller and performer, Te Ata Fisher, who dared to live her own unique and remarkable story, and who inspires us to do the same.

The conference will also include four different and unique sessions each with different speakers.

This year’s keynote Speaker is the 2011 Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of the Year Steffani Cochran.

Also included are a luncheon, art show, book signing, reception and entertainment.

The conference begins at 9 a.m., and concludes with an evening forum with dynamic Chickasaw women panelists.

For more information, please contact Laura Clark by phone at 580.272. 5520 or by email at laura.clark@chickasaw.net. **CONTRIBUTED BY** Kevin Scrivner, tribal media relations.

Tribal services to citizens are there to help you!

Those of us who serve you as elected officials, tribal administrators, directors and co-workers are often present at groundbreaking, ribbon-cuttings and other “bricks and mortar” celebrations. Undoubtedly, the new and refurbished tribal facilities completed or near completion across the Chickasaw Nation are important. In the Pickens District, we are now nearing completion on the new Chickasaw Nation Health Clinic and Senior Center, both in Ardmore. These facilities will offer much improved service to Chickasaw people.

With the extensive building and expansion now occurring, I think we sometimes forget to remind citizens about the many and varied programs and services now available through the Chickasaw Nation. Our programs and services continue to grow each year, and that is because we listen to your words and then work to put new services into place.

Did you know that within the Chickasaw Nation the tribe provides a medical transportation program? Drivers are located throughout the Chickasaw Nation and provide rides to and from medical appointments. Additionally, the program offers pick up and delivery of prescriptions.

That grass is sure starting to grow with all our rain and warm temperatures! The tribe's lawn mowing program provides lawn mowing and weed

eating for Chickasaws age 60 and over.

Are you training to work in a trade or vocation that requires a license or certification? Through the license and certification program, the tribe will assist students with the fees for these designations.

Are you a non-traditional student who has family responsibilities but would like to get that important college degree? The tribe's School-To-Work program has been tremendously successful! Our students pursue their higher education goals while also working full-time for a regular paycheck.

In today's world, there are many stresses we didn't even imagine 30 years ago. Financial, emotional and career challenges can stress the strongest of families. The tribal Office of Strong Family Development offers counseling and workshops that support parents and grandparents and give families a real opportunity to succeed. Our Chickasaw families are the heart of our nation. These services are there for you.

This is just a sampling of what is available today through the Chickasaw Nation. There are so many ways to improve your life, become fulfilled and really make a difference for your family, your tribe and your world!

Please let me know whenever I can be of help to you.



DAVID WOERZ

Chairman,
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Legislature

A Texas-size welcome from our South, Central Councils

Chukma! Chin Chukma. I hope everything is well with you and your family.

The Human Resources Committee only had one resolution in March but it was very important for continuing law enforcement and related services. The resolution authorized an application by the Chickasaw Nation for a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance fund. The grant would provide new patrol vehicles and equipment, a new dive boat and equipment and new equipment and training for our officers. This grant would also serve sexual assault victims by providing a specialized nurse, provide transportation and transitional housing for victims of domestic violence including child abuse and provide an advocate for victims of crimes and their families.

The grant would also focus on preventing delinquency by engaging at-risk youth in activities centered on cultural preservation. This grant would allow us to continue providing these much needed services.

The second weekend in March several Legislators attended the joint meeting of the South and Central Community Councils of Texas in San Marcos. Everyone there were so friendly and made us feel so welcome. Thank you, Mr. Gene Thompson, for the proposal regarding a personal history program. This is an example of why community councils are so important - they provide a forum where tribal citizens can truly get involved and pass on their good ideas.

And the meetings provide all with the opportunity to see and catch up with old friends. It was very nice to see Mrs. Georgia

Malone who moved to Texas several years ago. Georgia worked for the Nation before opening her own business in Ada. Below are pictures of Georgia with Cindy Levy and Ellen Brookes. Also included is a picture of Gene Thompson and Charles Holland. Thank you all for a wonderful time!

I certainly hope to hear from you so I know what I can do to enhance your quality of life. Please contact me through dean.mcmamus@chickasaw.net or call me at 580.436.1460.

Chi ihollo li!(I love you!)

Dean McManus, Pontotoc District Seat 4



From left, Cindy Levy, Ellen Brookes and Georgia Malone.



Gene Thompson, left, and Jay Hurst.

Bloomfield Indian Cemetery offers connection to past

Calling all Chickasaw Citizens to gather and get on board.

I know you have heard “get in touch with your inner self” but how about getting in touch with your Chickasaw friends and family? Fellowship is important!

A new event occurred here in Panola District. The Bloomfield School Indian Cemetery Association was founded in January of 2012. The purpose of the Association is to bring public awareness to the historical significance of Bloomfield Indian Cemetery, reconnect descendants of the loved ones buried there, and to insure the posterity of the location by restoring and maintaining the grounds of the original Bloomfield Indian Cemetery. The Association Officers are as follows:

President- Mr. Richard Murray, of Tishomingo, Okla.;

Vice President- Mr. J.D.Ballard, of Van Alstyne, Texas; Sec/Treasurer- Mrs. Rachel Musgrove, of Durant, Okla.; Chaplin- Mr. J.M.Beshirs, of Sumner, Texas; Representing Agent- Mr. DeLoyd Hicks, of Achille, Okla.

The website is: www.bloomfieldsic.weebly.com

Here is just a sample of the stories attached to the Bloomfield Cemetery – Mr. Richard Murray's great-grandfather, Dr. H.F. Murray was the Bloomfield School Superintendent in the 1860's. Dr. Murray's wife, Margaret, is known to have done the first artistic rendition of the original Bloomfield School. To see a documented list of Bloomfield Cemetery residents visit the website, contact Mr. Hicks at (580) 916-8284 or send a letter to P.O.Box 376 Achille, OK 74720 in

care of Bloomfield School Indian Cemetery Association.

Members of the Chikasha Toli Team attended a stickball workshop in Claremore, Okla. Mr. Victor Wildcat instructed the men on how to choose the proper materials, preparation of the wood and the equipment necessary to construct traditional sticks. It was a good opportunity for Chikasha Toli members to exchange information and traditions on the art of stickball stick making. Attend one of their games to see their new sticks in action and to witness the traditional games of our ancestors!

Last month the North Texas Chickasaw Community Council hosted a dessert contest at their meeting. All attendees sampled and judged. The Prettiest Dessert Award went to Sissy Brown for her Fresh Fruit Fluffy Cake. In second place for her T's Toffee Temptation Cookies was Sandra Williams and first place went to me, Beth Alexander. I made a Chocolate Cola Cake. Contact me if you would like to have the recipe for any of these sinfully, delightful desserts!

Tune in next month to read about show goats, pow wows, and the next installment on the adventures of Bloomfield Cemetery!

“Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, “I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you” Hebrews 13:5

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From left, Rick Miller, Clovis Hamilton, Jeremy Wallace, Josh Alexander and Larry Seawright.

Tribal businesses anchor important tribal services

Hello, I hope everyone has a pleasant Easter and is looking forward to a great spring. As a Legislator, I enjoy hearing from the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation, and encourage all of you to contact your Legislator if you have any questions.

During our monthly Legislative Sessions when the official business of our department is conducted, we often have citizens' direct comments to the Legislative body about things happening within the Nation.

Just to answer one comment from a citizen, The Chickasaw Nation is a service oriented tribe. Monies from tribal business, yes mainly gaming, are re-invested into services such as education and healthcare. Although gaming is a big part of any self-governed tribe, the Chickasaw Nation has a host of other businesses that generate money for the tribe, and the surrounding communities in which they are located.

WinStar World Casino in Thackerville, and RiverWind Casino in Norman, not only generate millions of dollars in revenue a year to fund programs, they also employ over 5,000 co-workers from all around both areas. Tobacco shops, trading posts, radio stations, and our Tribal Utility Authority are just to name a few other businesses that contribute to the good of the Nation and in turn to the citizens.

With visionary leadership and diverse business decisions our tribe does not rely on gaming alone.

The Chickasaw Nation gives back to its citizens first and foremost through services. If you take a look at the annual programs and services book, you will find that our greatest investment is our people. Our citizens can take advantage of programs ranging from childcare to education, language to assisted living, senior benefits to summer youth programs, and many, many other advantages some tribes do not offer.

Our healthcare is the best in the system. Partnering with Indian Health Services to build and operate a beautiful high-tech facility like the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center is an unprecedented accomplishment for our tribe. We are building new facilities, adding new services, and are looking toward future changes of healthcare.

As an example of healthcare services, for the months of January and February 2012, our facility treated 1231 internal medicine patients, 8724, emergency room visits, 2177 pediatric visits, 4395 dental visits, 8574 family practice visits, delivered 102 babies, performed 554 surgeries, and completed 893 surgery visits. To me that is giving back to the people.

Thank you and God bless each of you, Connie Barker, Tribal legislator, Pickens District, Seat 2



CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Elder's life displays power of faith, work and perseverance

Hello Everybody, Last month, space limitations kept me from sharing all that I wanted to share with you about my friend and elder, Ruby McKinney. I want you to know that she gave a home and love to eight children of her own and many others who came her way, and I want to share with you



Ruby McKinney

how she persevered through the deaths of babies, husbands, adult children and friends.

Through it all, Ruby has depended upon her faith, exercised her faith and continued to work.

Ruby was born within walking distance of High Hill Baptist Church. As a child, she attended regularly with her family and as an adult, continued to attend church with her children.

The lessons learned at church have been the guiding light throughout her life. Two stories that Ruby tells me come to mind.

One story is about when her first husband's heart condition limited his ability to work. She went to work at the Ada Steam Laundry, as a presser, to help financially support her family. It was July, hot and no air conditioning! On her first day, she got so hot that she became dizzy and the edges of her vision darkened. Ruby thought she would pass out. She stopped, washed her face and sat down for a few minutes, then went back to work.

Ruby acceptingly said, "It got better after that." Another story she shared with me is when she and her second husband were living in Lawton, OK. One afternoon, when her husband was at work, a social worker knocked on her door. The social worker had two little boys with her. One was four, and one was six.

They were Ruby's husband's great nephews. The boys had been in several foster homes and in some cases treated badly.

The social worker asked Ruby to take them. Ruby had already raised her children, and she and her husband were just three years from retirement.

Retirement meant much earned rest and moving back closer to home. Retirement also meant less income to provide for more children. Ruby thought about how taking in two little boys and committing to their raising might alter her and her husband's plans.

"But then," Ruby remembers, "When I looked at that little one, I just couldn't say no."

Ruby worked on and raised those two boys, just like she worked on after getting so hot at the Ada Steam Laundry, just like she has worked on all her life.

Ruby's life is a great example of Chickasaw matriarchal love and strength.

Respectfully, Katie



KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Plenty to do this spring in the Chickasaw Nation!

Chukma, Hello Everyone, Spring is here, and it's a great time to get outside and enjoy the many destinations within the Chickasaw Nation.

The Chickasaw White House near Emet, Oklahoma is one of my favorite places to visit this time of year. I love to take my granddaughters there to fly kites and enjoy the beautiful gardens.

The Capitol Building and Museum in Tishomingo, as well as the Cultural Center and Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Sulphur are also fantastic places to spend a Saturday or Sunday afternoon with the family.

Two events taking place in April at the Pontotoc County Agri-plex in Ada are Revenge of the Bulls on the 13 and 14, as well as the Children's Fair on the 28. A Stomp Dance is also scheduled at Kullihoma on April 13. For all the women, the Dynamic Women's Forum will be at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada on April 26. Something for everyone is the Horse Shoe Tournament to be held on the Capitol grounds in Tishomingo on the 28. I'm sure there are lots more activities planned across the Nation.

The Cultural Center often plans special activities, like the "Three Sisters Spring Celebration" that was March 17.

Be sure to check out the website calendar at www.Chickasaw.net, to see what events are scheduled each month. However, I think the *Chickasaw Times* is still the best place to go to stay informed.

I hope you all get a chance to get out and enjoy the nice weather, wherever you are.

Please let me know if I can help you in any way. Chipisala' cho, Nancy Elliott Pontotoc District Seat 2 580-399-4374 Nancy.elliott@Chickasaw.net



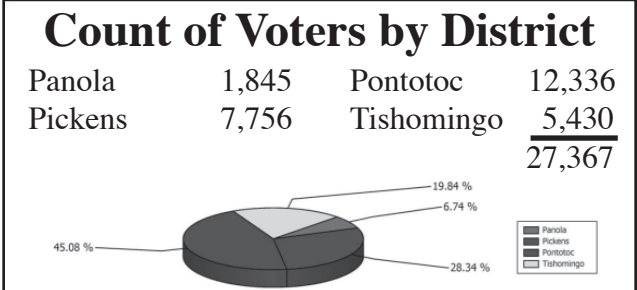
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Chickasaw elder always working to make things better

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. Spring is beginning with lots of rain. Thank God, we sure needed it! This month I wish to tell you about the volunteer programs at the 12 senior sites and Chickasaw Medical Center, and about a very special volunteer - Alice Phillips. Alice has been a volunteer for 26 years.

Volunteer positions at senior sites are designed to assist the senior site staff. Volunteer hours are logged and each year the volunteers with the most hours are recognized with awards. All the sites gather for recognition day. Some of the volunteer positions are: filling food trays for home delivery; helping deliver the food trays to home-bound seniors; serving food at the senior site; passing out food trays at the senior site; filling the ice chest and preparing water and tea to drink; washing dishes when needed; working in the Ada senior site gift shop cleaning and selling jewelry; keeping log books and answering telephones; stuffing pillows to be given away at the Chickasaw Medical Center. Volunteers at the Chickasaw Medical Center give out information to visitors, answer telephones and deliver newspapers, mail and flowers.

Alice Phillips, 86 years young, is one-half Chickasaw and has volunteered for 26 years. She was one of the founders of the Women's Auxiliary at the Old Carl Albert Hospital. Alice also participated in the Chickasaw Cats, an entertainment group of seniors. She has held many positions as an officer in the Auxiliary, local chapter of AARP and the Ada senior site. She also volunteers at her church, VFW post and Rebecca Lodge. In her words she wishes to "make things better" and she certainly does! Thank you, Alice, for your wonderful work!

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.



Alice Phillips

Preserve your tribal history for future generations

With each month I await to see what new events will occur and what new Chickasaws I may meet. Several of us had the pleasure of attending the combined meeting for the Central and South Texas Chickasaw Community Councils, held in San Marcos, Texas. I am continuously amazed at the hospitality we are shown when visiting the various councils across the country. And this trip was no exception!

It's always interesting to meet Chickasaws from your home district. You never know what connection you might have. I had the good fortune to meet a Chickasaw who lived in the Ardmore area as a small boy, but still has family in the area. Lo and behold, I know many of his great nieces and nephews! The connections we have will forever be remembered. And so will our family stories.

Last month I talked about how important it is to record your family stories - especially from our elders. One of the Texas Community Council members, Gene Thompson, shares my passion for preserving our tribal history through our stories. He and I both encourage all of you to write down all the stories you have been told or that you remember (depending on your age). Hang on to them for generations to come. Who knows what may come of them? Perhaps some day, we can all put them in a book compiled of Chickasaw stories.

Until next time,
"As a single footstep will not make a path on the earth, so a single thought will not make a pathway to the mind. To make a deep physical path, we walk again and again. To make a deep mental path, we must think over and over the kind of thoughts we wish to dominate our lives." ~Henry David Thoreau

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Document shredding, pharmacy pick-up set for April 20 at tribal ReUse Center

The Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center will be hosting document shredding and pharmacy pick-up from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 20.

The ReUse Center is located at 2205 North Broadway in Ada. A shredding truck will be onsite to immediately shred documents for recycling.

Unwanted pharmaceuticals and over-the-counter medications will be accepted for proper disposal. The event is free and open to the public, with businesses welcome.

For more information, contact Cindy Gammons at (580) 272-5456.

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Grandchildren interviewing their elders a worthy proposal

Chokma,
I hope all is well with you and your family.
I recently attended the combined South Texas Chickasaw Community Council Meeting and had a great time seeing everyone. I was visiting with Gene Thompson about how important it is to preserve our tribal history through the family stories of our elders. Gene had a wonderful idea to have the grandchildren interview and film their elder's family stories. Our elders have so much to share and this would make a wonderful project for the whole family.

In session, the Legislature approved a resolution for a grant application to the United States Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation. If granted, funds will be used to address crime and victimization through six programs; Community Oriented Policing (COPS), Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (TSASP), Tribal Governments Program (TGP), Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities (CJAPIC), Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance Program (CTVAP), and the Tribal Youth Program (TYP). Also approved was a resolution authorizing the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to begin surveying, relocating utilities and other construction to complete the interchange project at Rogers Road and I-35 near the Winstar property.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family.

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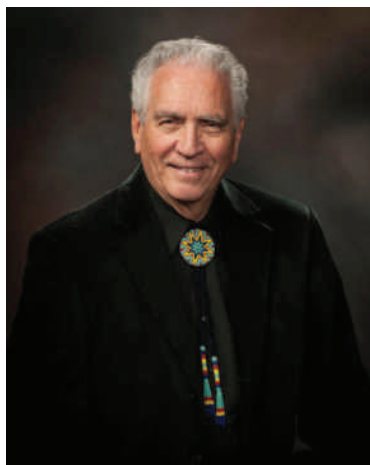
From left, Jay Hurst, Gene Thompson and Legislator Toby Perkins.

Harris, Colbert, Tate, Spivey to be inducted

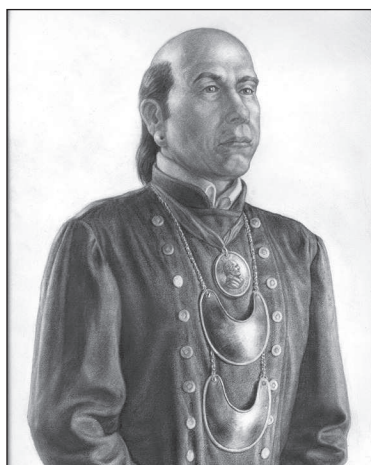
Chickasaw Nation Announces Hall of Fame Inductees



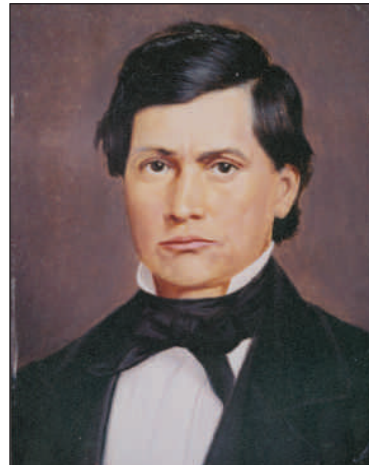
Towana Spivey



Charles Guy Tate



Levi Colbert



Cyrus Harris

A Native American preservationist, an honorable state and tribal judge, a tribal peacemaker and historic governor will be inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 3 at Riverwind Showcase Theatre in Norman, Okla.

Governor Bill Anoatubby will participate in the induction ceremonies.

The 2012 Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductees include; Towana Spivey, Charles Tate, Levi Colbert and Cyrus Harris. Colbert and Harris will be inducted posthumously.

"It is our privilege to honor these individuals for their significant contributions toward developing greater understanding and unity between the people of the Chickasaw Nation, other tribal nations and the United States," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Their commitment to preserving tribal history, protecting sovereignty and serving others epitomizes the spirit and dedication of the Chickasaw people."

Towana Spivey

Throughout his life and career, Towana Spivey has been involved in preserving the history, language and material culture of many Oklahoma tribes, including the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Comanche, Kiowa, Chiricahua, Apache and the Warm Springs Apache.

While conducting archaeological investigations at 19th century military posts and historic sites, Mr. Spivey worked simultaneously as curator for the Chickasaw White House, conducting research and restoration of the home to its original form.

He was also a consultant on

the preservation of the 1855 Chickasaw Council House in Tishomingo.

Since 1982, Mr. Spivey has served as director/curator of Fort Sill National Historic Landmark and Museum in Lawton, Okla.

He is also a senior curator for the U.S. Army Museum System and is currently involved in the planning for the new Field Artillery Museum at Fort Sill, as well as the ongoing development of the National Historic Landmark and Museum.

Mr. Spivey has served on numerous boards and advisory committees for such organizations as the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey, Governor's Review Committee for Oklahoma State Preservation, Oklahoma Museums Association and Southwest Oklahoma Historical Society.

Mr. Spivey has authored several books and articles pertaining to frontier history and has served as a primary consultant or been featured in at least 35 television documentaries.

He has also worked as a historical consultant to movie productions, playing an intricate role in the development of characters and ensuring historical accuracy in the making of the movies "Windtalkers" and "Dances with Wolves."

Mr. Spivey graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in history and natural Science. He earned his Master's degree from the University of Oklahoma in Anthropology/Archeology and Museum Studies.

Mr. Spivey is the descendent of several generations of Chickasaws who came to Indian Ter-

ritory in 1837 from northern Mississippi. He was born in Madill, Okla., and still lives on the original 140-acre Chickasaw allotment of his grandparents, Henry "Buck" Russell and Gladys Rogers.

Charles Guy Tate

In the early 1970s Charles Guy Tate began his service to tribal nations soon after he earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma.

Not long after graduation, he moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he worked for the Legal Aid Society, and in 1971, he began work for the All Indian Pueblo Council as in-house counsel. He then moved to Oklahoma to work as a staff attorney for Oklahomans in Indian Opportunity, a nonprofit organization.

At the end of 1974, he moved to Ardmore, Okla., where he set up a law partnership with his father, Ernest.

Mr. Tate was elected as a tribal judge for the Chickasaw Nation. He also contracted with the Chickasaw Legislature to provide legal counsel for legislative activities.

In 1988, Mr. Tate was selected to serve on the Court of Indian Offenses and served in that capacity until 2006.

He has also accepted various positions in the tribal court for several Oklahoma tribes, including tribal judge for the Sac and Fox Nation, the Kickapoo Nation of Oklahoma, the Kickapoo Nation of Kansas, and the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes. As a member of the National Tribal Judges Association, he was appointed as a visiting judge to cases in the Winnebago Tribe in Nebraska

in 1994-1995. In 2011, he was appointed as Supreme Court Justice for the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma.

In December 1995, he was appointed as Special District Judge for Carter County, Okla., and served in that position until his retirement in November 2009. After retirement Mr. Tate accepted a new contract position with the Chickasaw Nation to locate, identify and retrieve historical materials relating to the Chickasaw Nation. The materials he is gathering will become part of the new library and archives of the Holisso Research Center, at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma.

As a child, Charles became active in Boy Scouts, earning the rank of Eagle Scout when he was 14 years old. He has served on the Executive Board of the Arbuckle Area Scout Council for over 20 years and, in 2005, was honored with the Silver Beaver Award for service to Scouting.

Born February 9, 1940 in Ardmore, Okla. to Ernest W.

Tate and Juanita J. Keel Tate, Mr. Tate is a descendant of Edmund Pickens, first elected Chickasaw chief in Indian Territory, and a descendant of Cyrus Harris, the first elected Chickasaw Governor.

Levi Colbert

Levi Colbert, or Itawambe Miko (Bench Chief), an early leader of the Chickasaw Nation, was born east of the Tennessee River in Alabama in 1759.

According to the nomination, Mr. Colbert had a high degree of intelligence and integrity and was honorable, true and faithful to the Chickasaw people from his youth to the date of his death.

He and his siblings grew up bilingual and were educated in both Chickasaw and European-American traditions.

Mr. Colbert and his brother, George, were prominent among Chickasaw negotiators who met with the U.S. president and government officials regarding treaties and removal.

In 1832, Mr. Colbert and other representatives of the Chickasaw Nation organized a treaty meeting with General John Coffee and various U.S. representatives to sign a treaty based on the tribe's removal west of the Mississippi River to Indian Territory.

Mr. Colbert and other Chickasaw leaders bargained shrewdly for as much compensation as possible for their homelands and the improvements they had made. In a long, detailed letter to President Andrew Jackson in November 1832, Colbert noted that General

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Annual Event Set May 3 'Save the Date' for Chickasaw Hall of Fame

Mark your calendars for the annual Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame, set Thursday, May 3 at Riverwind Showcase Theatre in Norman, Okla.

Hall of Fame inductees will make a red carpet entrance at 6 p.m. and the banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required for the event, which is expected to accommodate approximately 525 guests.

Reservations will be accepted beginning March 26. To make reservations contact Krissy Easterling at 580-332-1165 or email krissy.easterling@chickasaw.net.

Induction to the Chickasaw Hall of Fame is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Chickasaw by the Chickasaw Nation. For more information about the Chickasaw Hall of Fame, visit www.chickasaw.net/hof.

The Courage of a Chickasaw

BY CHARLES BLACKWELL | CHICKASAW NATION AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.



Our Chickasaw People are bound together by our language, location, strong leadership, rich history, shared values, good food, and blood. These bonds are forever. Every October, in Tishomingo at the annual meeting festivities, we joyfully renew and reinforce the value of these bonds. At the basis of our character and in tandem with our bonds, there are four qualities of character we must conscientiously nurture and share: strength, courage, wisdom, and generosity. In this article and the next, let's explore what courage means physically, spiritually, mentally and socially and why courage is important to each of us as a Chickasaw and to our People as a tribal nation. In future articles, we'll address the other qualities.

In these days of instant texting and hyper connectivity, there is very little "go to the mountain" time, or to put it another way, there is no time simply to get away from it all and think. We each need time to get away and reflect on what it means to be a good, courageous, wise, strong, generous human being and what we must do to be such a person. It is from the courageous, wise, strong, generous individuals that we build courageous, wise, strong, generous families who then make up a courageous, wise, strong, generous Chickasaw Nation. It all begins with each of us individually. Mine started a long time ago.

My grandparents saw to it early on in my upbringing that I learn courage comes in many sizes, shapes, and colors. They saw to it that courage manifest itself in my growth. I realized as a young Chickasaw that my personal individual character was a reflection of me as a young Indian boy, and with time, things began to come together and I began to realize this is how I could contribute to my family and my tribe.

Mr. Webster's dictionary defines courage as "...the quality of mind or spirit that enables us to face difficulty, danger, pain, etc. with firmness and without fear..." Fearlessness, fortitude, spirit, bravery, pluck and valor are words with nearly the same meaning as courage. There is a warrior's cour-

age and warriors can be men, women, grandmothers, sisters, brothers, fathers, grandfathers, nieces or nephews. Courage manifests itself in many ways in each of us.

Starting in 1947, I began to spend the next ten summers in South Dakota with my educator grandparents at Ft. Thompson Indian Day School on the banks of the Missouri River on the Lower Brule Lakota Sioux reservation. In about 1954, they moved to Loneman Day School at Oglala on the Pine Ridge Sioux reservation. I quickly learned that the Lakota Sioux people understood the necessary value of "going to the mountain" to explore becoming a stronger and better person. In the course of those summers, I was taught Lakota traditional ways and values.

The result was that I received the gift of growing up in uniquely bi-cultural tribal ways. I was honored with a traditional Lakota naming ceremony when I was six years old. The name they gave me, Itoka Hoksila, means "south boy." I learned to speak enough Lakota to stay fed and out of trouble (or just enough to get in trouble). There were four old tribal men who were my guides and teachers, just as in Oklahoma with my great grandmother, great aunts and uncles and my mother who also were my guides and teachers in the Chickasaw way.

From wherever I was and from all four directions, they told me of the necessity for a young warrior to have courage. Courage by deed and courage by living the good way. I witnessed and learned about each of these and was taught to bring courage to myself in appropriate physical, mental, spiritual and social ways. As I grew older, it all began to come together and make more sense and not just on the football field!!!

My tribal cultural exposure grew greater after college when I lived and taught four years

on the Navajo reservation in Arizona before moving to Albuquerque, to study, work and live among the Pueblo people for the next twenty years. Only after I came to Washington, D.C. to become your ambassador to the United States did I begin to fully realize the genuine blessing of my multi-tribal cultural upbringing starting with my Chickasaw and Choctaw roots. My experience gave me the courage to do something for Governor Anoatubby and my People that had never been done before. We have had the courage to plow a new furrow.

In this day and age, when it seems that bullying has become too acceptably prevalent in American society; when American professional football players take money to inten-

tionally injure and disable other players; when bad boys, girls, men and women get paid to act ugly, mean and use profanity for reality television, I am even more proud and grateful that my elders instilled

in me character values that find such behavior disgusting and repugnant. Hopefully, if we grow strong in good character qualities, we'll have the courage to put the bad things behind us.

As Chickasaws, we are fortunate to have our tribal identity. It's easy in good times to take things for granted. These are good times for us. As an expression of confidence in his leadership, we've elected the Governor to an unprecedented seventh term. As we've prospered economically, we've also grown stronger culturally, socially and in generous services and programs.

It's when times get tough or when we face personal challenges and adversity that courage - as a part of our warrior

"unconquered and unconquerable" identity - becomes important. All great societies - Native American, European, Asian, African, Middle-Eastern - believe in a higher power and in the values that hold them together.

It takes physical courage to fight in a battle. It takes spiritual courage to share what you may have with someone when it is necessary; it takes courage to say "no" to doing bad things. It often takes courage to say "yes" when we would like to say "no" to something. It takes courageous restraint to practice "two ears and one mouth" which is to listen twice as much as you talk. It takes courage of character to stand up for what you know is good and right when you are the only one in the room to do so. Sometimes it even takes courage to tell the truth and to be honest with yourself and others.

Honestly, it also takes courage to know when to hush up, stop and continue our discussion of courage later! In the meantime, give yourself some spring season green onion "go to the mountain" time to think about courage and tomorrow.



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Each week, special guests are invited to discuss their areas of experience and expertise with host Brian Brashier.

Connections airs live on KCNP at 11 a.m. CST each Wednesday on 89.5 FM or streaming online at www.kcnpradio.org.

This month on *Connections*:
“Call the IT guy”– April 4
Do you have an issue with your home computer? Don’t worry and call our I.T. guy!
“Alzheimer’s and you”– April 11

Alzheimer’s is a disease that has touched many families. Learn about the signs, symptoms, treatment and care of Alzheimer’s disease.

“Ask the Realtor”– April 18
Buying or selling a home can be an intimidating process. A good real estate agent can help. We’ll have a local Realtor in the studio this week to take your questions.

“Native American Civil Law”– April 25
Our expert this week specializes in the areas of civil law that impact Native Americans. Join us for a discussion about tribal

al sovereignty and individual rights.

Questions and comments for guests can also be emailed to feedback@kcnpradio.org.

This month on CNTV

• CNTV features a Chickasaw high school student who is already a published author. We introduce you to Kortney Greenwood and talk about her first book.

• Chickasaw youth involved with the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi leadership program spent their spring break making a difference in the community. Find out what they did on CNTV.

• The Chickasaw Nation Wellness Centers are now offering Zumba classes. Learn more about this latest fitness craze on CNTV.

....and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.

Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

First stomp dance April 13 at Kullihoma

KULLIHOMA - On April 13 The Chickasaw Nation will have its first stomp dance of the year at Kulihoma.

The history of the stomp dance will be told before any of the dancing starts. The history will include telling where the songs originated, and how they came to be sung in Indian Territory today.

Also, the history will include information on the tribes who first sang these songs, such as the Muskegon people, Creek, Seminole, Choctaw, Chickasaw and other tribes.

“We want to invite all tribes to help with this first dance of the year, Dance Troupe member Wayne Walker said.

“We will tell the stomp dance history at every dance, and this is for the benefit of the people who have never been to a stomp dance or do not know the history of our people.”

Additional dances are on May 19, August 25 and September 28, and all dances will be from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE

- June 4-6:** Candidate filing period (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary’s office)
- June 8:** Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.
- June 11:** Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary’s office) Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD’s.
- June 11:** Last day to submit photo & biography to “Chickasaw Times” (by 4 p.m.)
- June 11:** Press release for candidates (news/media)
- July 3:** Ballots mailed to voters who reside out of the contiguous 48 states
- July 10:** Voter registration closes.
- July 11:** After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated labels, printouts, & CD’s.
- July 17:** Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.
- July 26:** Last day to appoint a watcher.
- July 31:** 2012 Primary Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.) Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m. Unofficial results posted immediately Press Release made to public.
- July 31:** Voter registration re-opens, if no run-off election.
- Aug 3:** Recount period ends.
- October 1:** Oath of Office Ceremony (11 a.m.)

THE CHICKASAW NATION 2012 RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE (IF NEEDED)

- August 6:** Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD’s (after 12 p.m.)
- August 14:** Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.
- August 23:** Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.
- August 28:** 2012 Run-Off Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.) Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m. Unofficial results posted immediately Press Release made to public. Voter registration re-opens
- August 31:** Recount period ends.
- October 1:** Oath of Office ceremony (11 a.m.)



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School-to-Work student named to Academic Team



Joy McDaniel Murray State College acting president presents Katy Fisher with the All-Oklahoma Academic Team certificate.

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw student Katy Fisher has been named to the All-Oklahoma Academic Team for her excellence in academics. Katy is a member of the Chickasaw Nation School to Work program, and is a freshman nursing student at Murray State College in Tishomingo, Okla.

The award was presented by Phi Theta Kappa Foundation, the honor society fraternity for two-year colleges.

Ms. Fisher has participated in the Ardmore office of the Chickasaw Nation School to Work program since August 2010. She is scheduled to graduate from Murray State College in May 2013. She is currently working as a Certified Nursing Assistant at the Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Health Clinic.

"I was very excited, and I felt very fortunate when I found out about being chosen for the All-Oklahoma Academic

Team," she said.

In addition to being named to the All-Oklahoma Academic Team, Ms. Fisher will receive an academic scholarship. The amount of the scholarship is dependent upon which school Ms. Fisher chooses to attend following her Murray State College graduation.

"Receiving the scholarship has opened up whole new opportunities for me," Ms. Fisher said. "It gives me the opportunity to have continuing school experiences that I would not have ever had a chance for.

"I know what it is like to struggle and to be without, so I appreciate this so much more having gone through those times.

"The School to Work program is the very cornerstone of all of this. Without the School to Work program, I would not have had the opportunity to get any of this.

"I appreciate The Chickasaw Nation, and I hope I am a good representative, as a tribal citizen and as an employee. This shows that if you continue to work hard, good things will happen!"

The School to Work Program helps eligible traditional and non-traditional Chickasaw students earn their educations while maintaining employment through an On-the-Job Training program.

Students attend class and work in internship programs, typically in an area associated with their fields of study. Students are considered employees and receive a paycheck and benefits for their efforts.

For more information, contact Valerie Nix at (580) 559-0815 in Ada or Don Mose at (580) 222-2839 in Ardmore.

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Chickasaw Young Artist Studio students to display in NYC



Ryan Rico



Samantha Reynolds



Mesheli Billy



Sarah Reynolds

ADA, Okla. - Four local artists from the Chickasaw Young Artist Studio were recently chosen to display their art in New York.

Ryan Rico, Samantha Reynolds, and Mesheli Billy were selected in the category of photography, while Sarah Reynolds for 2D artwork.

The Artsonia Company selected the four young artists, whose work was featured in New York City's Big Screen Plaza on March 2 and 3. The works by the young Chickasaws were chosen out of thousands of

submissions highlighted during the National Art Education Association annual conference.

The artwork of the four were displayed in New York City's Big Screen Plaza along with approximately 500 other pieces of art from around the country. The artwork was featured to highlight the National Art Education Association National Convention.

Sarah Reynolds' artwork, "Faith & Culture," was completed in pastels.

"I have been interested in art since I was little," Sarah said. "I

use it to describe myself."

Asked about her future in art, Sarah said "I want to keep making art bigger and better. I want to keep improving."

Samantha Reynolds, Sarah's twin sister, used a Nikon digital SLR camera in her backyard to capture her winning photograph, "Morning Shadows."

"What has drawn me to photography is that I really like being able to capture a specific moment in time," Samantha said.

Samantha would like to work for a magazine in the future.

selected for the honor.

"When I heard the news, I was in awe. It is an honor to be chosen, Mesheli said.

"I am proud to be Chickasaw, and I am proud to represent Chickasaws because of the all the opportunities that the Chickasaw Nation has given me."

Artsonia is an online art museum for students and is the largest student art museum in the world.

The National Art Education Association is the professional association for art educators. Members include elementary, secondary, middle level and high school art teachers; university and college professors; education directors who oversee education in our nation's fine art museums, administrators and supervisors who oversee art education in school districts, state departments of education, arts councils; and artists throughout the United States and many foreign countries.

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Chickasaw woman living life, beating cancer diagnosis



Nanette and Dan Bennett

When Chickasaw Nanette Bennett was informed by her physician on a Monday that her life would end Friday, she did what she normally had done since her original breast cancer

diagnosis. She set her mind on living. "I thought, 'What will I tell my girls?,' Mrs. Bennett said. "What could I tell them in one week that would prepare them

for the remainder of their lives?"

She decided to put all her trust in God, and to keep seeking a solution to her devastating health issues.

Mrs. Bennett, of Tulsa, had been originally diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer in 2002. Through the many episodes of chemotherapy, radiation therapy and hyperbaric treatments, she had developed an aggressive case of the flesh-eating disease.

"I shared my story with a golf buddy who was also a plastic surgeon," she said. "He suggested we employ a laser to possibly stem the flesh-eating disease."

Mrs. Bennett endured the laser surgery Friday, the same day she was supposed to die. The surgery virtually destroyed her rib cage, so doctors fabricated a new one during the nine-hour surgery.

Friday came and went. That was two years ago.

"Every morning, I just wake up and say 'Wow!,'" she said.

Mrs. Bennett is now enjoying

time with her husband, children and grandchildren.

"I tell others with this disease, 'Don't give in. You don't have to die,'" Mrs. Bennett said. "You can have your life and you can love your family. Your attitude means so much."

Inflammatory breast cancer accounts for only about five percent of all breast cancers. It is a particularly virulent form of the disease and, Mrs. Bennett said, is often equated with pancreatic cancer.

"Many doctors will tell you inflammatory breast cancer is as deadly as pancreatic cancer," she said. "They will just tell you it is terminal. I heard many times, 'Get your affairs in order,' but I just wanted to keep living."

Several years ago, Mrs. Bennett said, she had received another "death sentence" from a physician. She was attending a high school football game and started to feel very sad and cry.

"Then I said, 'No way!' I was not going to give in to this thing simply because someone told me I should."

Inflammatory breast cancer normally does not appear as a lump or mass. It is the most aggressive form of breast cancer and most often manifests itself as hot or swollen breasts. Physicians often mistake inflammatory breast cancer for an infection and simply prescribe antibiotics.

By the time Mrs. Bennett's cancer was detected, it was already stage four.

"I encourage women who have these symptoms to be their own advocates and seek treatment immediately," she said. "I'm telling you, you can live."

Mrs. Bennett and her husband, Dan, live in Tulsa. The couple has two daughters, Aubrie Thompson and Afton Flora, and sons-in-law Frank Thompson and Kyle Flora.

The Bennetts have one grandson, seven-month-old Finn.

"I feel very blessed for each day I share with my family," Mrs. Bennett said.

Health care, eduction leading tribal expenditures

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens

sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending February 29, 2012

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$11.5 million for the month and \$67.6 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$9.7 million for the month and \$44.9 year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through February totaled \$447.7 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$130.1 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$66.1 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At February 29, 2012, the tribal government funds had \$164.3 million in cash and investments. Of this amount,

\$19.6 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$197.3 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

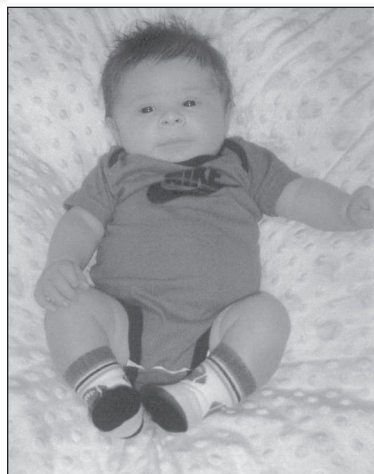
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Five Months Ended February 29, 2012

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	3,543,740	447,754,964	451,298,704
Total funds available	64,031,459	(64,031,459)	-
	67,575,199	383,723,505	451,298,704
Expenditures			
General government	4,864,289		4,864,289
Legislature	997,959		997,959
Judiciary	381,832		381,832
Education	9,711,075		9,711,075
Heritage Preservation	5,682,038		5,682,038
Health	9,826,702		9,826,702
Youth and Family Services	4,039,363		4,039,363
Nutrition Programs	2,268,685		2,268,685
Regulatory	3,358,827		3,358,827
Assistance Programs	3,785,378		3,785,378
Gaming expense		239,112,335	239,112,335
Other businesses' expense		78,512,434	78,512,434
Total expenditures	44,916,148	317,624,769	362,540,916
Increase in net assets	22,659,051	66,098,736	88,757,787
Beginning net assets	595,052,235	680,428,193	1,275,480,428
Ending net assets	617,711,286	746,526,929	1,364,238,215

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets February 29, 2012

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	164,336,442	197,302,761	361,639,203
Receivables	36,797,860	62,820,434	99,618,294
Inventory	212,795	6,530,055	6,742,850
Prepaid expenses		19,901,269	19,901,269
Other Assets		2,481,222	2,481,222
Fixed assets	418,253,959	608,473,522	1,026,727,481
Less payables	(1,889,769)	(150,982,335)	(152,872,104)
Net Assets	617,711,286	746,526,929	1,364,238,215

BIRTHS



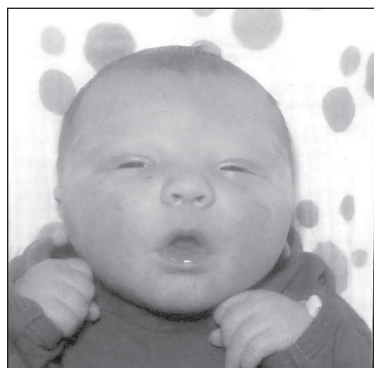
Joe Jett Blackwell

Joe and Aaron Blackwell, of Ringling, Okla., are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Joe Jett Blackwell**. He was born at 12:02 p.m., December 21, 2011 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada, Okla.

Jett weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

Proud grandparents are Tony and Staci Apala and Tim and Terri Blackwell, all of Ringling, and Danny and Tammy Stewart of Lone Grove, Okla.

He is the great-grandson of Stan and Betty Lach, of Ringling, Patsy Brooks, of Lone Grove, Cozell Blackwell, Dell and Deanna Johnson, all of Ringling, the late Tommy Apala, the late Frank Brooks, the late Lana Blackwell and the late Wayne and Karen Hobbie.

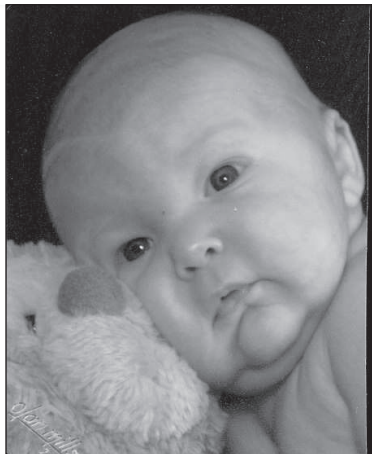


Zane Marcum Ream

Zane Marcum Ream was born February 22, 2012 at 2:15 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs., 3.6 oz at birth.

He is the son of Zac and Charleen Ream, of Alva, Okla.

He is the grandson of Chuck and Jeannie Rosson, of Willcox, Ariz., and Mark and Wallecia Ream, of Alva.



Dauson Eli Harris

Dauson Eli Harris was born December 23, 2011 at 4:57 a.m. He weighed 6 lbs., 13.5 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches at birth.

He is the son of Casey and Rebecca Harris, of Ripley, Miss.

He is the grandson of Delton Crutchfield and Lori Crutchfield, of Blue Mountain, Miss., and Ruth and Ken Harris, of Ripley.

He is the great-grandson of Ola M. Reddinger-Wolf, of Ada, Okla., and Martha Greer, of Falkner Miss.

He is welcomed by his two older brothers, Jack Harris and Kyson Harris.



Vincente Frank Soto

Vincente Frank Soto (Turtle-Loksi) was born December 26, 2011 at Roseville, Calif. He weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 21.5 inches at birth.

His beaming parents are Sonia and Claro Soto.

Turtle is the first grandchild of Isabel Dillingham Johnson, originally from McMillan, Okla.

He is the great-grandson of Florene Porter Dillingham and the great-great-grandson of Robert Fulton Porter, an original enrollee.

Turtle participated in his first Indian prayer dance at seven weeks of age.

BIRTHDAY



Brody Kale Noland

Happy birthday to Brody Kale Noland who turned one year old Feb. 28, 2012. He celebrated his birthday with a "Bear" theme party at Davis' Family Park.

He is the son of Bronson and Angela Noland. He has an older brother, Braydon Kole Noland.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Daugherty, of Marietta, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Jim Noland, of Davis, Okla., and Marilyn Cleveland, of Sulphur, Okla.

All Nations Powwow set for April 7 at ECU's Kerr Dome in Ada

ADA, Okla. - The All Nations Powwow is scheduled for Saturday, April 7 at the Kerr Activity Center on the campus of East Central University in Ada.

Admission is free and the general public is invited. Featured will be Native American arts and crafts, food, music and dancing.

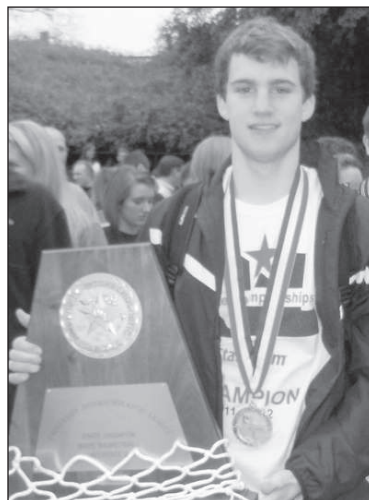
Gourd Dance will begin at 2 p.m. Supper break will begin at 5 p.m.

The Grand Entry will commence at 7 p.m., and All Nations 2012-13 Powwow Princess Faithlyn Seawright will be crowned.

The All Nations Powwow is co-hosted by the East Central University Native American Student Association.

For more information go to www.allnationsOK.com or call Jean Billey at (580) 332-1983. Arts and crafts vendors should contact Couita Nucosee at (580) 320-6179.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Connor York

Texas cager named to UIL All-Tourney Team

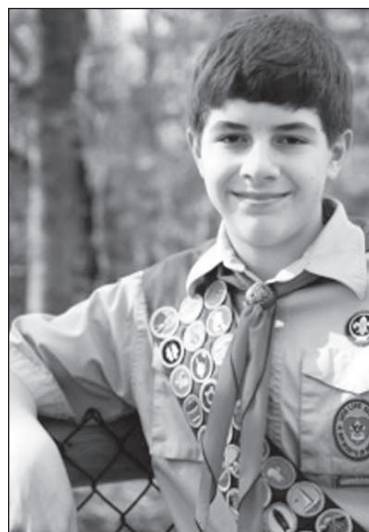
AUSTIN, Texas - A Chickasaw high school athlete was recently named to the All-Tournament Team at the Texas University Interscholastic League (UIL) Basketball Championships.

Connor York, a senior at Argyle (TX) High School, was one of five players selected following Argyle's 3A State Basketball Championship. Argyle defeated Corpus Christi Miller, 44-33 in the final.

Connor led Argyle, scoring 13 second-half points, including two consecutive three-pointers.

Connor was a three-year starter for Argyle and was also a two-time Academic All-Stater.

Connor is the son of Greg and Suzanne York. He is the grandson of Patrick Wyers, of Fort Worth, Texas.



Daniel Carpenter

Chickasaw student completes Eagle Scout

A Chickasaw junior high school student has recently attained the top rank in the Boy

Scouts of America.

Daniel Carpenter, of Ada, received his Eagle Scout during a ceremony Feb. 19 at First Methodist Church in Ada. Daniel is an eighth grader at Ada Junior High School and a member of BSA Troop 13. The troop is led by Don Carpenter and Dr. John Garber.

Daniel's Eagle Scout project entailed Daniel educating all first graders at Homer Elementary School in how to use the 911 emergency system. The students practiced using 911 by using a 911 voice simulator provided by State Farm Insurance.

Daniel is the son of Don and Dex Carpenter, of Ada. Daniel's two brothers, Chris and Jeff Carpenter, are also Eagle Scouts.



Julia Pringle

Chickasaw gymnast records top score

NORMAN, Okla. - A young Chickasaw gymnast recently registered the top all-around score at an Oklahoma City gymnastics meet.

Julia Pringle took first place in the age 10 and over, Level 4 all-around competition at the Star Invitational Winterfest gymnastics meet in Norman. Julia took first in bars and vault, and second in beam and floor events.

Of the 70 gymnasts competing, Julia earned the highest all-around score.

Julia is a fifth grader at Coronado Heights Elementary School. She is active in basketball and track.

She is the daughter of Amy Pringle; granddaughter of Ethan Norris, and great-granddaughter of Bourland Norris, all Chickasaws.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Shelby Brown

Shelby Brown places in Texas powerlifting

A Chickasaw high school student has recently placed in a Texas powerlifting competition.

Shelby Brown, a senior at Bells (TX) High School, placed ninth in the state in the 97.5-lb. weight class at the 2A state meet in Corpus Christi, Texas March 16.

Shelby squatted 175 lbs.; bench pressed 85 lbs.; and dead lifted 215 lbs. for a 475-lb. total.

Shelby qualified for the state powerlifting meet by scoring in the Girls' Regional 6, Division 3 meet in Leonard, Texas.

Shelby maintains a 3.9 grade point average and is a recent recipient of the Lt. Governor's Scholarship from the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education.

Shelby is the daughter of Tim and Gayle Brown, of Bells. She is the granddaughter of Jarold and Jackie Swilling, of McAlester, Okla., and Ima Jean Brown and the late Harwood "Frank" Brown, of Denison, Texas.

Porter Family Reunion

Descendents of Edmund, Harriet, Robert, Jody, Florene, CD, Olen, Ola Mae or Irene Porter are invited to attend a Porter Family reunion scheduled for June 8 - 11 at the WinStar World Casino Hotel located at Thackerville, Okla.

All friends of the Porter Family are welcome to attend.

For more information email ijohnson.44@comcast.net or call Isabel Johnson at (916) 967-3293.



Charles Stevens, left, and William Stevens with their grandmother Mattie Lou Wessel.

Stevens brothers making the most of scholarships from the Chickasaw Nation

Two Chickasaw college athletes are benefitting from scholarships they receive from the Chickasaw Nation.

Charles Stevens and William Stevens, of Nashville, Tenn., have been members of the Tennessee Tech University football team. The Golden Eagles won the Ohio Valley Conference title last season. Charles served as a team captain and was awarded the Coach Bill Dupes Inspirational Player Award.

Charles graduated from Tennessee Tech in December with a degree in sociology and crim-

inal justice. He is employed by the Vanderbilt University police department.

William is a sophomore honors student studying mechanical engineering at Tennessee Tech.

The young men and their family are very appreciative to the tribe for their educational achievements.

Charles and William are the sons of Eric and Marlese Stevens, of Nashville. Their grandmother is Mattie Lou Wessel, a Chickasaw.

NEWS FROM CHICKASAW JUNIOR PRINCESS

Raechell Meely
Chickasaw Junior Princess

Chukma!

Hello, my name is Raechell Meely, and I am your 2011- 2012 Chickasaw Junior Princess. I am the daughter of Mitchell Meely and Paula Thomas, and I am 14 years old.

Since being crowned as Chickasaw Junior Princess in

October, I have attended various events around the state of Oklahoma. It's been such a great experience and honor to be able to do so much. It's been a lot of fun being around such great people.

I've enjoyed meeting the elders at the Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners. I've also had the pleasure of meeting the children of the Chickasaw Nation. I've even received the honor of greeting people not of our tribe, but of other tribes.

I look forward to future events around the United States like going to Gathering of the Nations and Washington D.C. It's been a pleasure being able to meet so many members of our nation, and others wanting to learn more about our culture.

I thank you all for giving me this chance and wish you all the best.

Chickasaw Junior Princess,
Raechell Meely.



Christine Morgan

Christine Morgan on St. Edwards' Dean's List

Chickasaw student, Christine Elizabeth Morgan, has been named to the Dean's list of St. Edwards University, Austin, Texas, for the Fall, 2011 semester.

To be eligible for this prestigious award, St. Edwards students must maintain a 3.5 semester grade point average (GPA) in advanced classes on a 4.0 scale.

Miss Morgan is a 2009 graduate of The Woodlands College Park High School and maintained a 3.9 GPA.

She has been a dancer for the past 11 years, and previously a member of the Revelier Dance/Drill Team and St. Edward's Sapphires Dance Team. She has also been active in volunteer work with the Humane Society, Meals on Wheels, and Interfaith.

Christine is a junior at St. Edwards University. She is majoring in psychology and plans to pursue a doctorate degree in clinical psychology upon graduation. Her long term plan is to become a marriage and family counselor, with the intent to help others.

She is the daughter of Darlene Morgan (McLish).

She is the granddaughter of the late Allie Rose (McLish) Morgan and the late J.P. Morgan, and the great-granddaughter of the late Richard R. and Allie McLish.

Chickasaw co-authors paper on Native warfare

Chickasaw Franklin Keel has co-authored a paper with Dr. David Dye of the University of Memphis.

"The Portrayal of Native American Violence and Warfare: Who Speaks for the Past?" is included in the recently published book "The Ethics of Anthropology and Amerindian Research - Reporting on Environmental Degradation and Warfare."

The chapter by Mr. Keel and Dr. Dye advocates accurate and unbiased presentations of Native American warfare in academia and popular culture.

Mr. Keel is director of the BIA Eastern Regional Office, Nashville, Tenn.

He is a descendant of former Chickasaw governors Edmund Pickens and Cyrus Harris, and Sen. Guy Keel.



Franklin Keel

Charles shares poetry at 'Noche de Cuentos'

DALLAS - Poet Asani Charles shared her original poetry during "Noche de Cuentos,"

a night of storytelling and poetry sponsored by the Rio Trinidad chapter of REFORMA, an affiliate of the American Library Association.

Mrs. Charles presented during the group's Midwinter Meeting.

REFORMA promotes inclusion of Spanish language materials to American libraries.

Mrs. Charles read "Brown," a poem of the American Indian experience, and "Manifesto," a poem about the history and spirit of the Occupy Movement.

Mrs. Charles has published her poetry in several anthologies including "Yellow Medicine Review," and "Sing: Poetry from the Indigenous Americas."



Asani Charles

Gatorade Runner of the Year

Chickasaw distance runner making mark at Plainview



Alex Davis

"Determination" and "dedication" describe Chickasaw runner Alex Davis perfectly.

Alex, a Plainview (OK) High School track and cross country star, was introduced to the sport as a third grader at Oakhall School in Ardmore, Okla.

It was then she set her goal to be a Plainview runner and

worked hard to achieve her dream of competing for one of the best "running schools" in the state.

Now a junior at Plainview in Ardmore, Alex has won accolades in track and cross country events throughout the nation. She has shattered records and picked up medals and trophies along the way.

She routinely runs solo for the Plainview Indians in the Oklahoma scorching heat, gusty winds and bitter cold, and has worn out hundreds of pairs of track shoes on the path to greatness.

For her efforts, Alex was recently named the 2011 Gatorade Runner of the Year for Oklahoma 2011 in Cross Country.

"I am so honored to be called the Gatorade Athlete for Oklahoma, I am so thrilled," said Alex.

The award is based not only

on athletic achievement, but also academics and character.

Alex maintains a 3.79 grade point average and volunteers at her church, First Baptist Church in Ardmore.

She has won the Oklahoma high school state title in cross country; is the first Oklahoman to qualify for Nike Cross Nationals; and has broken the school record for the 3,200-meter run at the 2011 Track and Field Meet of Champions.

Her most recent achievement was March 12, when she set a new state record in the 3,200-meter run of 10:49.61.

Alex draws upon her faith when facing a hard run.

"Running is a selfish sport," Alex said. "It is really hard mentally, but it is not my strength. It comes from God. I have to remember to stay positive and push through it."

Alex helped start a mission project in her neighborhood. She gathered a group of teens to visit a few of her older neighbors and help them with any projects.

"That is humbling," Alex said. "I love working with seniors."

Alex has also been a part of a mentoring program at her church. She has a mentor and also serves as a mentor to a younger girl.

Her favorite running buddy is her father Doug Davis, who is also Chickasaw. Running with her dad, she said, was a bonding experience.

"Maybe because you are in pain together," she laughed.

Alex is keeping her college plans open. She hopes to run but wants to focus on her education.

Her advice to young girls hoping to follow in her track shoes: "Never look down and always keep your focus on God. That's when it gets easier is when you focus on God."

Alex's coach, the legendary Jerry Naylor, calls Alex an "outstanding runner."

"She has a great work ethic and has turned into one of the best runners in the state of Oklahoma, and Texas for that matter," he said.

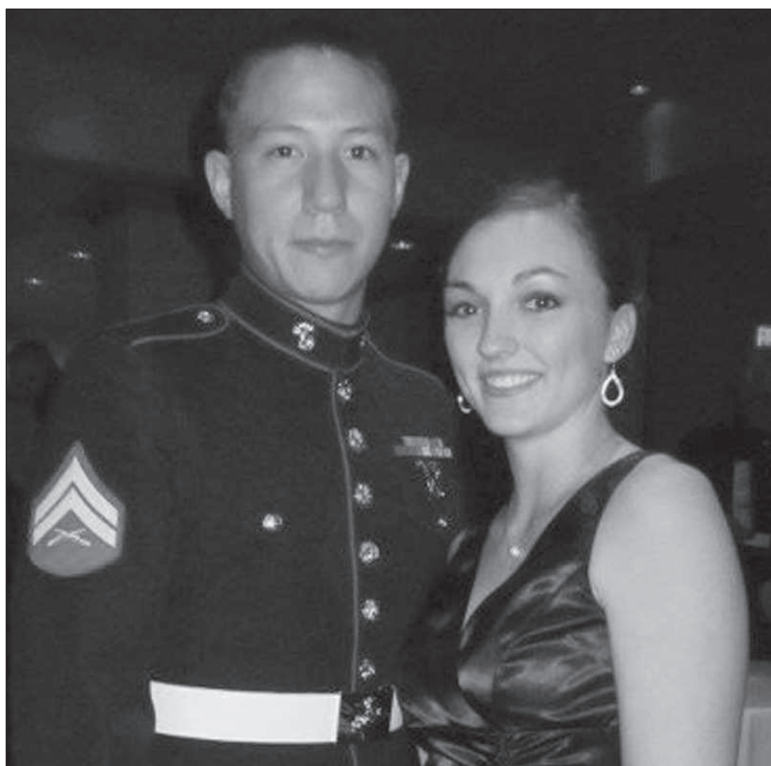
Alex is one of about 70 runners in the Plainview program.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.



Alex Davis practices at the Plainview High School track in Ardmore, Okla.

Chickasaw Marine promoted



Sgt. Christian and Tamra Shackleford Williams.

Chickasaw citizen Christian E. Williams was promoted to sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps March 1, 2012. He re-enlisted in the U.S. Marines and will serve another four years.

Sgt. Williams and his wife, Tamra Shackleford Williams, are both Chickasaw citizens and from Oklahoma. They have been away from home for almost five years. His new

orders has him stationed in Quantico, Va.

Sgt. Williams is the son of Marilyn Coltz and Quintin Williams. He is the grandson of Laura Elizabeth Williams and the late Floyd Williams and the late Larry and Nancy Coltz.

He has a very large family in Oklahoma that is very proud of him.

Tribal Public Affairs seeks information on Chickasaw athletes

Do you know an outstanding Chickasaw athlete?

The tribal Public Affairs Department is seeking exceptional Chickasaw athletes from the past and the present for possible feature stories in the *Chickasaw Times* and other Chickasaw Nation publications. The department seeks Chickasaw athletes who have excelled at the college, semi-professional or professional level in any sport.

Please send us your stories. We need:

- Name of the athlete
- Sport(s) affiliation and years active
- A brief outline of the athlete's career

Email joshua.rogers@chickasaw.net or call the Public Affairs office at (580) 310-7903.

The deadline for submission is May 31.

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Chickasaw Dakota Cole named 'Trailblazer' by Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants



Dakota Cole

Dakota Cole, a Chickasaw and certified public accountant, has been named a "Trail-

blazer" by the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants (OSCPA).

The Trailblazers program honors innovation, professional dedication and community commitment by Oklahoma CPAs.

Mr. Cole was one of 20 CPAs so honored this year by OSCP.

Mr. Cole is director of Management Reporting for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce.

He is also a fifth-generation cattleman. While working toward his CPA certificate, Mr. Cole also became active in his

family's cattle and agricultural operation and managed to turn the business around despite significant challenges.

"Though faced with uncommon personal and financial hardships during his business rescue mission, Mr. Cole wouldn't have it any other way," OSCP wrote.

Mr. Cole plans to start an agricultural financial service firm that provides farmers and ranchers with the services they need to be successful in today's economy.

"I want the people of rural America to have faith in the

accounting profession and develop a long lasting relationship with someone they trust," Mr. Cole said.

Mr. Cole received his bach-

elor's degree in business and master's degree in accounting from East Central (OK) University. He is an ECU Distinguished Graduate.

USDA warns of fraudulent letters

WASHINGTON - USDA officials learned March 16 that fraudulent letters were being sent by FAX to individuals and businesses in four states.

The letters claim to be from a USDA procurement officer and seek personal information. These letters are false and in no case should a recipient respond with personal and financial information.

The fraudulent letters bear USDA's logo and seal and are signed by an individual identified as "Frank Rutenberg," using the title of "Senior Procurement Officer."

If you suspect you have received such a letter contact USDA at procurement.policy@dm.usda.gov or call (202) 720-9448.

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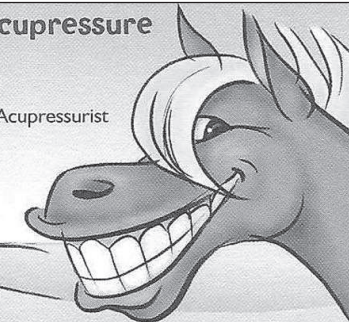
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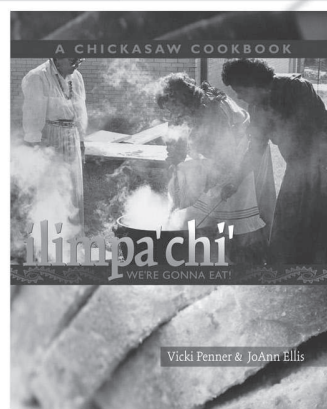
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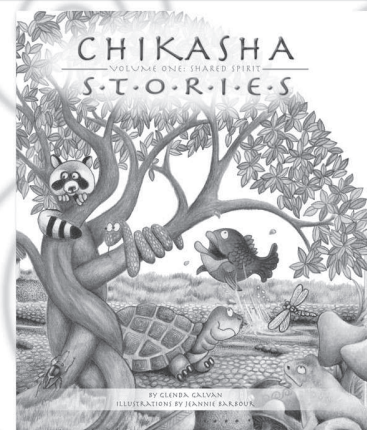
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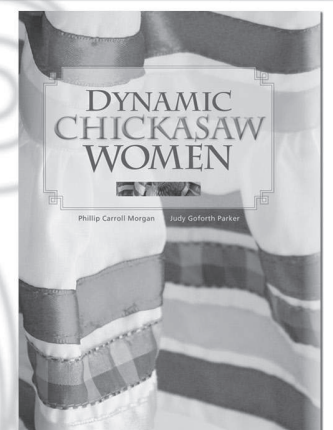
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February 2012 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Sari Huston

Sari, daughter of John and Crystal Huston, of Ada, Okla., is a February 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.



Sari Huston

She is in the second grade at Homer Elementary School and was nominated by second grade teacher Christi Boggs.

Sari won the award for being the top accelerated reading student in her class.

Her favorite subjects in school are reading, spelling and math.

"My future plan is to become a teacher," said Sari.

Kendra Smith

Kendra, granddaughter of Gingy Nail, of Ada, Okla., is a February 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.



Kendra Smith

She is in the seventh grade at Latta Junior High School and was

nominated by seventh grade teacher Ed Collins.

"Kendra has maintained a high average in this class all school year and has raised her average this semester," said Mr. Collins. "Occasionally a student's performance will drop during the second semester but Kendra's has risen."

She enjoys reading, singing, hanging out with friends and family, shopping and going to church.

"My future plans are to graduate from high school and go to a great college where I can major in journalism," said Kendra.

Breannen Eason

Breannen, daughter of Ty and Jade Eason, of Tishomingo, Okla., is a February 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

She is in the eighth grade at Tishomingo Middle School and was nominated by eighth grade teacher Rita Dunn.



Breannen Eason

"Breannen is an excellent student," said Ms. Dunn. "She works very hard

on understanding her assignments and is conscientious about turning in her work on time."

She enjoys reading, camping, and riding four-wheelers, as well as flute in the high school band.

"My future plans are to graduate high school and then attend the University of Oklahoma and later become an optometrist," said Breannen.

Jesse Factor

Jesse, son of Clinton and Jane Factor, of Bedford, Texas, is a February 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Band.



Jesse Factor

He is in the eighth grade at Hardwood Junior High School and was nominated by music teacher Danielle Alice.

"Jesse clearly has a bright future in music as he has learned to take full advantage of his traits: intelligence, passion, talent and a strong work ethic," said Ms. Alice.

He enjoys playing guitar, playing tuba and listening to music.

Jesse is a member of the National Junior Honor Society, which awards membership based on character, scholarship, leadership, service and citizenship.

"My future plans include entering a music school such as Juilliard," said Jesse. "After graduating from there I plan to enroll myself into an Ivy League school that offers programs in cellular and molecular biology."

Erica Hanna

Erica, daughter of David and Linda Hanna, of Broken Arrow, Okla., is a February 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Achievement.



Erica Hanna

She is in the eighth grade at Haskell Middle School and was nominated by eighth grade teacher Dana Blackburn.

"Erica exhibits academic excellence and compassion for others," said Ms. Blackburn. "Her work ethic is of the highest degree, and she sets the standard for peers to follow."

She enjoys art, playing piano

and playing with her two cats.

"I would like to go to college to be a teacher," said Erica.

Autumn Underwood

Autumn, daughter of Michael and Lorain Weems, of Ada, Okla., is a February 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Music.



Autumn Underwood

She is in the eleventh grade at Latta High School and was nominated by music teacher Debbie Allen.

"Autumn has participated in solo ensemble contest, OMEA all-state tryouts, ECOCDA district tryouts, and Little Dixie Choral contest," said Ms. Allen. "She demonstrates a desire to improve her vocal and musical abilities."

She enjoys dancing, paintball, running and drawing.

"My future plans are to become a nurse to raise money to open my own restaurant. Then vacation and travel the world," said Autumn.

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Professional Openings at Medical Center

Are you a Chickasaw RN, LPN or CNA? Are you interested in employment with the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center or satellite clinics? If so, we would love to hear from you!

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Health has professional openings in the following specialties:

- Registered Nurse
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Certified Nurses Assistant

For details on any of these professional positions, please contact:

Amy Boatwright, Professional Recruiter

Chickasaw Nation Headquarters Human Resources

(580) 436-7259 ext. 61825

Amy.Boatwright@chickasaw.net

Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, please contact Ms. Randi Payne at (580) 310-6451 or randi.payne@chickasaw.net.

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The 2012 Chickasaw Nation Camps Guide



April, May Application Deadlines

Mark Your Calendars for 2012 Camps and Academies



The Chickasaw Nation is preparing for an exciting summer of camps, clinics and academies. Many tribal divisions work together to provide a variety of educational activities for youth to explore new opportunities and learn new skills. Many camps and academies have application deadlines approaching soon, with many in April and May.

Chickasaw Nation summer 2012 youth camps and clinics and deadlines include:

Camp Survivor
YMCA Camp Classen, near Davis, Okla.

May 29 - June 1

Application deadline, April 13

Open to Chickasaw students ages 9-13

Camp Survivor is designed to promote healthy lifestyles through proper nutrition and exercise in a fun and positive camp atmosphere. Campers can expect to experience a variety of activities such as swimming, horseback riding, wall climbing, canoeing, fishing, hiking and stickball. There will be tribal councils, team building activities and competitions. This is an overnight camp. For more information, contact Allen Elliott at (580) 310-7981, ext. 83261 or email allen.elliott@chickasaw.net or log on to www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Environmental Camp
Ada, Okla.

May 30-June 1

Application deadline, April 13

Open to Chickasaw students ages 8-12.

Be enlightened about the world during Environmental Camp, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development.

Students, ages 8 to 12, get a behind-the-scenes look at many facilities that go unseen by the typical citizen and learn about on-going conservation efforts. Trips to the Oklahoma Science Museum and the National Weather Center at the University of Oklahoma are planned. This is a day camp. Additional information is available online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps or contact the division of housing and tribal development at 580-272-5456.

Golf Camp
WinStar Golf Course, Thackerville, Okla.
Beginner and Intermediate Camp - June 4-5
Advanced Camp - June 6-7
Application deadline, May 1

Each camp is open to Chickasaw students ages 8-18

Along with an introduction to the game of golf, Chickasaw youth will learn lessons in honor, integrity and sportsmanship. Instruction for all skill levels is provided by a highly knowledgeable and motivated staff. Golf Camp is an overnight camp. Students should apply for the camp that best represents their level of play. Golf Camp is supported by the United States Golf Association, the Professional Golfers Association of Central Oklahoma, the Chickasaw Nation and Chickasaw Foundation. For more information contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Native American Junior Open
Location TBA
June 1

Registration and tee times to be determined
\$20 registration fee required

Open to Native American youth ages 8-18

The Native American Junior Open is a qualifying golf tournament that allows youth to experience tournament atmosphere without the pressures of a school or association tournament. It also is a qualifying tournament for Chickasaw youth ages 12-18 for Team Chickasaw. Team Chickasaw will participate in various tournaments throughout the year. The \$20 registration fee covers the cost of green fees, lunch and range balls. Pre-registration is not available. For more information contact the tribal Department of Youth Services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Chickasaw Nation Space and Aviation Academy
Ada, Okla.

June 10-15

Application deadline - April 15

Open to Chickasaw students ages 9-18

Chickasaw Nation Space and Aviation Camp (CNA-SA) is a learning program designed to encourage Chickasaw students interested in aviation, space, science and math to pursue careers and opportunities in their fields. Students spend the week flying in simulators, learning through hands-on demonstrations, and experiencing an actual small plane flight. CNA-SA is a day camp, and a limited number of scholarships are available. If applying for a scholarship, complete a CNA-SA application postmarked by the deadline date. A copy of the participant's Chickasaw Nation citizenship card or certificate is required; a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) will not be accepted. For more information, contact Oscar Gore at (580) 272-5579 or at oscar.gore@chickasaw.com.

Tennis Clinic

Ada Tennis Center, Ada, Okla.

Session I - June 11-14, 8 a.m. to noon, ages 8-11

Sessions II - June 18-21, 8 a.m. to noon, ages 12-18

Application deadline - May 1

These clinics provide Chickasaw youth the opportunity to learn the sport of tennis, which can be played for a lifetime. Two clinics are offered - one for beginners and one for intermediate players.

Both sessions are open to Chickasaw youth ages 8-18. In either clinic, the participants will learn honor, integrity, sportsmanship and teamwork. Campers may only apply for one session.

For more information contact the tribal Department of Youth Services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

NASA Space Camp
Huntsville, Ala.

June 17-23

Application Deadline - April 15

Open to Chickasaw students ages 9-18

This challenging week-long school is conducted at Huntsville, Ala. Students will discover their engineering talents. Participants receive hands-on training, and learn about the mental, emotional and physical demands astronauts face. Fields of study include engineering, space technology and aerospace science. The camp is conducted at NASA Space Center in Huntsville. For more information, contact Oscar Gore at (580) 272-5579 or email oscar.gore@chickasaw.net



2012 Camps and Academies

Entrepreneurship Academy

Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant
June 24-30

Application deadline - April 15

Open to Chickasaw students in grades 10 - 12

For Chickasaw students who have an interest in business. The academy is a partnership between Southeastern Oklahoma State University's John Massey School of Business and the Chickasaw Nation. Students will work in teams to plan, promote and produce table-top businesses as well as simulate a virtual business. Upon completion of the academy, students graduate with a completed business plan and the tools and knowledge to write future business plans. The weeklong academy is conducted on the campus of SOSU in Durant, Okla. Students stay at the Chickasaw Nation Children's Village in Kingston, Okla. Preference is given to senior graduates. For more information, contact Callie Roebuck at the Chickasaw Nation Honor Club office, (580)421-7711 or at callie.roebuck@chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy

June 25-28

Lighthorse Police Headquarters, Ada, Okla.

Application deadline - June 1

Open to Native American youth ages 13- 17

The Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy provides an excellent opportunity for Native American youth to explore law enforcement careers. Students will hear from law enforcement personnel and will also learn skills including CPR, communication, safety and crime prevention.

Forty Native American youth will be selected. Chickasaw youth will be given first priority for the camp.

For an application and more information contact Brent Harper at (580) 436-1166 or at brent.harper@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Tanumpo Hosa Apisa (Marksmanship Camp)

Two separate one-day clinics

June 28-29

Application deadline - May 1

Open to Chickasaw students ages 12 -18.

Tanumpo Hosa Apisa (Gun Shoot Straight) encourages a long-term training program for young Chickasaw students wishing to excel in Olympics-style rifle and pistol shooting or competitive archery using a compound bow. These clinics feature instruction on gun safety, marksmanship techniques and archery for a maximum of 50 students. The clinics focus on the disciplines required for competition-style target shooting and consist of both classroom instruction and firing practice. Pistols and rifles used for these clinics are Olympic-style air guns. Instruction will be provided by certified instructors, Lighthorse officers, and local nationally-trained coaches. For more information, contact the Department of Youth Services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Champions Football Clinic

Ada High Football Complex, Ada, Okla.

July 5-7, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Application deadline - May 1

Open to male Chickasaw students ages 8- 18

Led by veteran coach Ken Heupel, this clinic teaches the fundamentals of football, teamwork and leader-

ship. Former University of Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel and other special guests are part of the program. Highlights of the clinic include an 8-to-1 student to instructor ratio, offensive and defensive drills, flag football, and a competition where each student may select one guest to join them in the game. This is a day clinic. Participants must have transportation to and from the clinic. For more information contact the Department of Youth Services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Champions Cheerleading Clinic

Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center, Ada, Okla.

July 6-7, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Application deadline May 1

Open to female Chickasaw students ages 8-14

At this clinic, a team of Day of Champions cheerleading coaches will instruct female students on motion, jumps, spirit, rhythm, health and fitness. The experience will include mentoring in the areas of character, responsibility, goal setting, dedication, hard work and integrity. Cheerleaders will be able to enhance their abilities and learn basic cheerleading fundamentals geared to their skill levels. There will be a Saturday performance and each student may select one guest to join them for the performance. This is a day clinic. Participants must have transportation to and from the clinic. For more information, contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Youth Basketball Clinics

July 10-11

Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City

Application deadline May 1

The Basketball Clinics are open to Chickasaw girls and boys ages 8 to 14. Students have the opportunity to learn basketball techniques from current and former high school and university players and coaches during these clinics. This is an overnight clinic. If needed, transportation will be provided. For more information, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Chikasha Saya (I Am Chickasaw)

July 2012

Application deadline May 1

Chickasaw heritage and culture lessons are top priorities at this camp, which is open to Chickasaw students ages 10 to 14. Students also learn about their responsibilities in caring for the environment. Swimming, boating and volleyball are also planned for this overnight camp. For more information, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Chickasaw Language Immersion Family Camp

Tatanka Ranch, Stroud, Okla.

July 15-21 (three sessions)

Application deadline May 15

Open to Chickasaw families

This overnight camp is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language within Chickasaw families. Camp activities include kayaking, canoeing, swimming, fishing, gardening and other activities with primary instruction being through Chickasaw language. This is an overnight camp and participants



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must have transportation to and from camp. For more information or an application, contact Rachel Wedlow, Language Outreach Coordinator, at 580-272-5540 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy July 16-28

East Central University, Ada, Okla.

Application deadline April 6

Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA) is a two-week academy that provides youth opportunities to gain experience in visual and vocal arts. Students ages 8 to 19 are eligible to audition for the academy.

Students ages 13 - 19 must schedule an audition time in order to be eligible for acceptance into CSAA.

All students ages 8 - 19 are invited to audition.

The following disciplines will be offered for older student: Composition, Dance, Vocal Music, Theatre Performance, Theatre Tech, Photography, Visual Arts 2-D and 3-D, Video Production, Textile Design and Creative Writing disciplines are offered for older students. Younger students rotate through Visual Arts / 2-D and 3-D, Theatre, Dance, Creative Writing and Vocal Music classes.

Chickasaw and other American Indian students receive scholarships to attend. Chickasaw preference is utilized. Non-Natives will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis at a nominal fee dependant on residential or non-residential status. These residential opportunities are for qualifying students who live outside the Ada area, ages 13 - 19.

For more information, and to receive an audition packet, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or email csaa@chickasaw.net. Applications can be found at www.chickasaw.net

Yakni Moma Alphisa (Justice for a Nation) Court Camp

July 30- Aug. 1

Tribal Judicial Building, Ada, Okla.

Application deadline June 15

Open to Chickasaw students ages 10 - 16

A two-day clinic that educates students about the operations of the tribe's court system, this camp emphasizes leadership and personal growth. Students will also tour the Chickasaw museum and Capital building in Tishomingo to learn the history of the Chickasaw legal system. Students will be introduced to individuals who support the courts such as Light-horse Police, judges, justices, Peacemakers and court clerks. Each student will also have a part in a mock trial.

For more information, contact Connie Tillery at 580-235-0281 or email Connie.Tillery@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo (The Youth are Playing)

Chickasaw Language Sports Camp

July 30-Aug. 4

Various locations

Application deadline July 6

Open to Chickasaw youth grades 1-6.

Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language in an interactive, athletic environment. Sports included in the camp are: To'li' (stickball), basketball, softball, volleyball, soccer, and numerous other games and activities. Participants must have transportation to and from camp. Camp participation is limited to 30 campers

per day. For an application and more information, contact Rachel Wedlow, Language Outreach Coordinator, at (580) 272-5540 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Hayaka Unta

Camp Simpson

October 12-14

Open to Chickasaw students ages 8 - 14

Application deadline September 14

Overnight Camp

The goal of this camp is to give Chickasaw youth and their parent or guardian an opportunity to share quality time together while enjoying the natural beauty of the outdoors. The camp provides a safe, wholesome and enjoyable experience where relationships between youth and their parent or guardian can be strengthened while away from the everyday distractions of life. Some activities include fishing, skeet shooting, hiking, archery and much more. Camping is primitive style in a provided tent. A total of 20 students will be selected to attend this unique camp. Students may choose either a male or female parent or guardian to accompany them. From those applicants not selected to attend this camp, 20 more campers will be chosen to attend the Hayaka Unta Spring camp at the same location in April 2013. For more information, contact department of youth services at (580) 310-6620.

Halloween Lock-In

Norman

October 26-27

Open to the first 100 qualified Chickasaw youth ages 10 to 18

Application deadline Sept. 14

This Halloween themed lock-in will allow students to participate in mini-bowling, Go-Karts, batting cages, mini-golf, climbing wall, bumper cars, bumper boats, arcade and lots of other fun activities. Each participant will have access to a pizza and soda buffet during the event. There will be door prize drawings throughout the event and a Best Halloween Costume Contest. Chickasaw youth will receive first priority. Students will not be allowed to leave the facility until doors open October 27. If needed, transportation will be provided from Tishomingo, Davis, Ardmore, Purcell and Ada. For more information, contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620. Applications are available at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Xtreme Camp Cross Point Camp, Kingston, Okla.

June 17-21

Application deadline is May 13

Sponsorship for Chickasaw students ages 15-18

This overnight camp is for young men and women who want to enjoy a week full of challenging activities, great fellowship and awesome assemblies. Campers will have the opportunity to water ski, water tube, skeet shoot, rappel, ride horses, compete in a variety of huddle competitions, scale the 65-foot climbing tower and experience the high ropes challenge course. Campers will also enjoy outstanding speakers, great music, and challenging competitions. This camp emphasizes leadership, fun, personal growth and building great friendships. The Chickasaw Nation will sponsor the attendance of selected Chickasaw youth to participate in this camp. For more information, contact the department of youth services at (580)

310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Competitors Camp

Camp Walk On Water, Stuart, Okla.

July 12-16

Application deadline is May 13

Sponsorship for Chickasaw students ages 11-14

This overnight camp combines the great facilities and activities of Camp WOW with the athleticism and competition that has defined the Fellowship of Christian Athletes ministry for more than 50 years. Campers will be assigned to a huddle led by a college athlete. Huddles will meet together to pray and play. Each day will feature athletic competitions in the water and on land along with teambuilding exercises. Activities will include the climbing wall; zip line (over land and water), the Blob, water slide, ropes course, obstacle course and much more. Bible devotions, upbeat music and topical discussions will also be a part of the day's activities. This camp focuses on fun, competition and personal growth. The Chickasaw Nation will sponsor the attendance of selected Chickasaw youth to participate in this camp. For more information, contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Application Information

All applicants must include a copy of the camper's Chickasaw citizenship card. Submitting the application does not guarantee selection to the camp.

For more information or obtain an application, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620. Return application to Youth Services, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820; or fax (580) 310-6626. Additional information is available online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps. Applications may be submitted by mail, fax or online.



Cade and Camdyn Carpenter



Cade, 3, and Camdyn Carpenter, five months, are the children of Chris and Jessica Carpenter, of Broken Arrow, Okla. They are the grandchildren of Don and Dex Carpenter, of Ada, Okla.

They are special to us as they are our first grandchildren and true blessings from God!

Tiffany Marie Hough



Tiffany Marie Hough, 24, is the daughter of Patrick Bryan Hough. She is the great-granddaughter of Patsy Ruth Hough.

Tiffany is beautiful inside and out. A shining example of how lovely our people are. She is kind to everyone, loves animals and she is wonderful with the elderly!



Anthony Wayne Hough

Anthony Wayne Hough, 24, is the son of Patrick Bryan Hough. He is the great-grandson of Patsy Ruth Hough.

Anthony has the Chickasaw spirit. Despite being developmentally disabled, he successfully graduated high school. He is also an awesome dad!

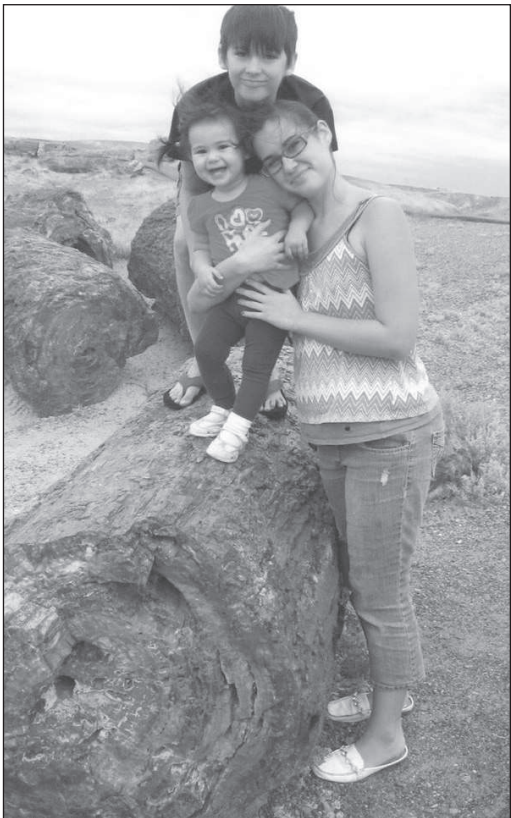
Sofia Beverly Hough



Sofia Beverly Hough, 16 months, is the daughter of Anthony Wayne Hough, of Las Vegas. She is the granddaughter of Patrick Bryan Hough and the great-great-granddaughter of Patsy Ruth Hough.

Look at those lovely Chickasaw cheek bones! She is everything beautiful. She shows the true beauty of the Chickasaw people!

Lauren, Joseph and Daisi Nech



Lauren, 14, Joseph, 12, and Daisi, 2, are the children of Joe and Heather Nech, of Alba, Texas.

My children are my pride and joy in every sense of those words.

Lauren is truly beautiful inside and out. She is kind and compassionate.

Joseph, we could not have planned for a more thoughtful son who still loves attention from mom and dad.

Daisi is our baby and keeps us young and active. She is so outgoing and sweet.

Leni Claire Underwood



Leni Claire Underwood, 3, is the daughter of Buck and Shannon Underwood, of Tulsa. She is the granddaughter of Mary and Sampson Underwood.

Leni is our pride and joy because she is kind, smart, funny, happy and beautiful.

Leni, our world has never been the same since you came into our lives. You make every day bright, beautiful and happy! We love you more than you'll ever know.

Mommy and Daddy



Caden James Rawlins-Bristow

Caden James Rawlins Bristow, 9, is the son of Rachel Rawlins and Bobby Bristow. He is the grandson of Bobbie Adams, Jim Ollis and Gina and Max Rawlins.

Caden is a bright, caring nine-year-old. He is always concerned with everyone's happiness and well being. His extended families are very excited that he is finally moving closer to us. He stays busy with school, his four-wheeler, his new motorcycle and playing with his friends at the park.

Caden, we love you very much!
Gran and Gramps



Ethan David and Landyn Allen

Ethan David, four months, and Landyn Allen, 5, are the sons of Adam Burt and Amber Walker, of Ardmore, Okla.

Landyn is a very intelligent, energetic, fun and loving five year old. When he isn't learning he enjoys riding his bike, painting, playing guitar hero and numerous other things. He enjoys helping out with his little brother, Ethan.

Ethan is a bundle of joy and smiles. He is four months old and loves sleeping and drinking milk and loves when his big brother, Landyn, plays with him or talks to him.

They are the greatest boys anyone could ask for and God blessed us with the two of them.

Braylon, Kannon and Mason Guerrero

Braylon, Kannon and Mason Guerrero are the children of Noah and Stevie Guerrero, of Moore, Okla.

They have a smile and hug for everyone. Their laughter is contagious!



Bethany Kayla Harman

Bethany Kayla Harman is the daughter of Kent and Kimberly Harman, of Loco, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Mary Harris.

Kayla attends the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. She achieved the President's Honor Roll her first semester in college. Kayla has been accepted into the Kaleo Summer Mission's Program. She is working toward a double major in forensic science and biology.



Kaydon Shane "Bugz" Hedrick



Kaydon Shane "Bugz" Hedrick, 1, is the son of Landon and Lauren Hedrick, of Yukon, Okla. He is the grandson of Shane and LaDana Hedrick and Terry and Diana Beaver. He is the great-grandson of Ronnie and Kathy Hall, Marie Beaver and Donna Norey. His great-great-granparents are Nora and Buck Buckner, David and Pauline Williams. He is the nephew to Dylan Hedrick, Austin Beaver, George Beaver and Michelle Beaver.

Kaydon is a very happy little man who always makes you laugh. Kaydon is always up to something. Getting into everything is his specialty, including filling up a flower pot with water and getting in it. Some of Kaydon's favorite things to do are being outside, sitting in whoever's automobile pretending to drive and being around dogs. He also loves going to the park to play and feed the ducks. Kaydon is very smart and never forgets anything. As of now, he is very proud of his "binky", but will grow up to be a very proud Chickasaw!

We all love you Kaydon and are so thankful and blessed that we have you in our lives.

Kaydon, you will always be our pride and joy!

Will and Luke Horning



Will, 12, and Luke Horning, 6, are the sons of the late Dawn Cole Horning and Bill Horning, of Denison, Texas. They are the grandsons of Carole and Howard Hughes, of Madill, Okla. Their great-great-grandmother, Beulah Pearl Yoakum, was an original Dawes enrollee.

They love to learn about their Chickasaw heritage. This picture was recently taken during a visit to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

Will is a straight A student and selected to attend the Junior National Young Leaders Conference this summer in Washington, D.C. He plays in the school band and is also a soccer player for the Denison Raptors. Luke loves the out-of-doors, especially fishing with his Paw, plays soccer and will play in the Denison Little League this spring.

Robert Rives and Phoebe Bess Drabek Mitchell



Robert Rives, 11, and Phoebe Bess Drabek Mitchell, 17, are the children of Brian and Charlotte Mitchell, of Oklahoma City. They are the grandchildren of Bob and Norma Mitchell, of Mustang, Okla. Their great-great-aunt is Daisy Blackbird, the oldest living original Chickasaw enrollee.

We always have fun when Rives comes to visit. Almost every Saturday, he and his dad drive to our farm. Sometimes his dog, Boomer, a golden retriever, gets to join them. Last week we launched our canoe and enjoyed several hours of rowing. When he was younger, he loved to swim in our pool and then play hide and seek with his dad. Now that he is a little older, his very

favorite thing to do is play basketball with his dad or a friend that he brought.

Rives is a fifth grade student at Westminster Lower School in Oklahoma City. We always look forward to attending the open house for grandparents at the school. Rives loves his school and has made many life-long friends.

He loves to play football and basketball. Being an avid follower of college football and basketball he can tell you what team is playing, how they are ranked and the names of most of the players. He follows the Oklahoma City Thunder and has attended several games, even getting his picture on the big screen cheering for his team. Having Rumble the mascot show up for his birthday party was one of his greatest and most pleasant surprises.

Rives is a member of Quail Springs Baptist Church and attends Sunday school and church there along with other activities. He loves going to Camp Kanakuk in Branson, Missouri every year with friends. This year he will also see his sister, Phoebe, who will be there as an assistant counselor.

Attending a big university and meeting new people are things he wants to do in the future. We know he will be successful in whatever he chooses.

He's a remarkable grandson and we love him very much.

We have watched Phoebe grow up through the years and are so proud of all her accomplishments. She has a very caring heart and she keeps a friend for life.

Phoebe attended Westminster School in Oklahoma City through eighth grade. She is a senior at Heritage Hall since and maintains a 3.95 grade point average (GPA). She is a member of the National Honor Society and the Chickasaw Nation Honor Club, where she received an award for outstanding achievement for Spanish. Last summer she lived with a family in Spain for two weeks speaking only Spanish.

She also attends Camp Kanakuk in Branson. After years of having fun at camp she returns this year as an assistant counselor. She is looking forward to it, knowing her brother will be there too.

Throughout the years Phoebe has taken voice, piano, dancing and acting lessons, which has led her to play various roles in musical theatre at her school and for various theatre companies in Oklahoma City. We have seen her play Louise, in "The Sound of Music", Marcy Park, in "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee", Annie, Peter Pan, Young Jane Eyre, Reno Sweeney, Lucy Van Pelt, and Rizzo, in "Grease" among others. This year at Heritage Hall she played Justine in "Frankenstein" and Mme. Thenardier in "Les Miserables". She is a member of the Heritage Hall Honor Choir. It has been a joy to watch her perform. She has given us lots of good memories.

Phoebe is currently serving as an Oklahoma City Ward 2 representative for the Youth City Council through Leadership Oklahoma City. She does charity work from collecting diapers for the Infant Crisis Center to singing Christmas carols for the Salvation Army kettle fundraisers. She is a member of Quail Springs Baptist Church and was selected many years ago to repeat from memory all of Luke 2 during church service. She didn't miss a word!

We look forward to hearing the college plans that Phoebe makes in the coming weeks. She has been accepted and has been offered scholarships to various colleges and universities including Ivy League schools.

Phoebe has given us many reasons to be proud of her and we love her very much.

Cire Lynn Walker



Cire Lynn Walker, 3, is the daughter of Niki and Desiree Walker, of Tishomingo, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Tony and Carolyn Walker and the niece of Zeke Walker, of Santa Monica, Calif.

She is our pride and joy since she is our first granddaughter. Carolyn and I wanted to have a girl but never had the opportunity since we had three boys. We have two grandsons Kaden and Kolten, of Tupelo, Okla.

Cire attends Mill Creek Head Start and her Meme, Carolyn Walker, is her teacher. We think this is very special because Mrs. Walker was her daddy's Head Start teacher.

Cire never meets a stranger. She is full of happiness and love.

Cire is Eric spelled backwards. Cire's daddy, Niki, named her after his brother Eric. Eric died when Niki was three years old.

Cire enjoys eating fry bread and pashofa and speaking Chickasaw language. She enjoys going to Sunday school at Temple of God, in Connerville, Okla.

We love you so much!

Pepe and Meme

Brittney Nicole Conway



Brittney Nicole Conway, 8, is the daughter of Jim and Linda Conway, of Illinois. She is the granddaughter of Don and Peggy Prather, of Huffman, Texas. She is sixth generation granddaughter of Thomas J. Parker, former Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

She is our pride and joy because she is a special granddaughter. There is no doubt, the kind grandparents and dads are proud to boast about. She's always very happy, loving and kind and brightens up a room with the sunshine of her smile, which could melt the coldest heart. It brightens up our days when we are far apart. Just can't resist this special chance to tell you again, you are our pride and joy and our Chickasaw Indian princess.

We love you Brittney!

Daddy, Gramma Peggy and Grandpa Don

Armstead, Josef and Vernie Liebl

Armstead, Josef and Vernie Liebl are the sons of Vernie and Shireen Liebl, of Stafford, Va.

Our three boys are our pride and joy. They have overcome enormous challenges and obstacles such as autism, dad's extended absences due to combat deployments and work.

Armstead wants to be a Marine like his father and grandfather; Josef, a scientist; and Vernie, a paleontologist.





Hannah Loraine Zarnstorff

Hannah Loraine Zarnstorff, 11, is the grandchild of Glenn and Barbara Long. She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee, Rhoda May (Kemp) Huff. Hannah is a real joy to us. She is an honor roll student and the light of our life.

Piper Kaylyn Siler

Piper Kaylyn Siler, 10, is the daughter of Rick and Michele Siler. She is the granddaughter of Bob and Norma Mitchell and the great-great-niece of Daisy Blackbird, oldest living original Chickasaw enrollee.

Piper is such a precious child who loves life. She loves animals and animals love her too. Being home schooled she finds time to take care of her many cats, kittens, a sheep, horses and her dog, Pocket and the family dog, Tessina. She loves to read about the different breeds of dogs and can tell interesting facts about each one.

Piper is a level seven gymnast and has won numerous all-around awards and medals in Oklahoma, Nevada, Kansas and Texas. At Nadia Comaneci's meet a year ago she won all-around as a level six gymnast winning first place in three out of four events.

She not only is an excellent gymnast, but has also won awards in triathlons, mutton bustin' events and horse sorting contests, participating throughout the state and at the state fair. She loves to ski, snowboard, swim, ride bikes and four-wheelers, fish and just being with her many friends.

Piper is a member of Trinity Baptist Church and attends Sunday school and Awana. She has had leading roles in the Christmas plays each year at her church. She also attends Classical Conversations one day a week in addition to her home schooling. One of her favorite things to do at our house, besides playing in the attic, is cook. She makes the most delicious smoothies for everyone. It is always a joy to see Piper riding across the pasture to our house on her four-wheeler with her dogs following.

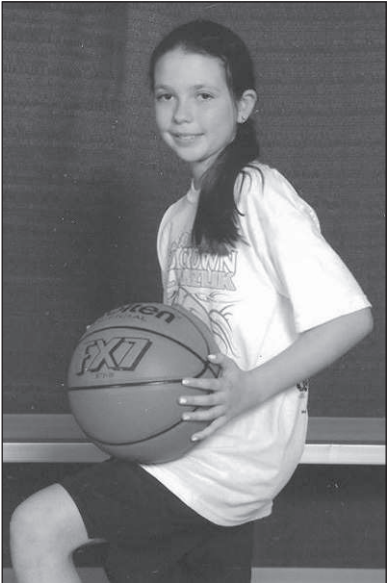
She always has a beautiful smile and we love her very much.



Kaya Annmarie Duncan

Kaya Annmarie Duncan, 12, is the daughter of Shannon and Tracy Duncan. She is the granddaughter of Phil and Geneva Stapler.

Kaya is in the sixth grade and she is having a great year. Kaya is very active in basketball, softball, playing the drums in band and girl scouts. She is also very active in her church. As her grandparents we are so proud to have her in our lives.



Hunter Carmene Siler

Hunter Carmene Siler, 11, is the daughter of Rick and Michele Siler. She is the granddaughter of Bob and Norma Mitchell and the great-great-niece of Daisy Blackbird, oldest living original Chickasaw enrollee.

Hunter is a talented and fun-loving child. She could read before she was three years old, being home schooled by her mother. As a level eight gymnast, she is a joy to watch, having won state and numerous all-around awards. Two years ago, Nadia Comaneci personally selected Hunter to receive a watch she gives to a competitor who shows ability, sportsmanship and character. Hunter has attended meets not only in all parts of Oklahoma but also in Kansas, Texas and Las Vegas, Nevada.



Being so athletic, she has received medals in many athletic events including triathlons, ranch sorting and mutton bustin'. She also loves to snow ski, snowboard, swim and ride bikes and four-wheelers. She has numerous animals that she cares for, including cats, kittens, a sheep, her horses that she named Precious and Butterscotch, dogs and even a chicken she caught in a rodeo contest event.

Hunter loves to hang out with her friends and also to attend church activities. She is a member of Trinity Baptist Church and attends Sunday school and Awana. She looks forward to participating in the Christmas plays each year.

She can tell us the names of every bird feeding at our bird feeder. She loves to play in our attic playing dress-up, store, or with her American girl dolls, and she loves to cook. She has a special Hunter's famous lemonade recipe.

She is a delightful grandchild and we love her very much.

Kiefer Mitchell Siler



Kiefer Mitchell Siler, 8, is the son of Rick and Michele Siler. He is the grandson of Bob and Norma Mitchell and the great-great-nephew of Daisy Blackbird, oldest living original Chickasaw enrollee.

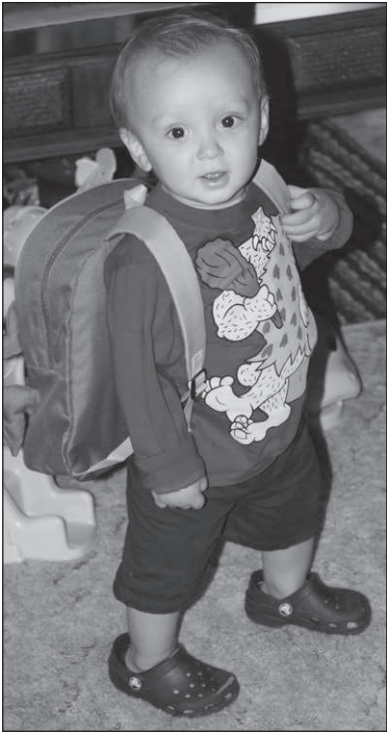
Not only is Kiefer our youngest grandchild but he also is such a terrific kid. He excels in sports. He plays soccer, football and basketball. He swims, skis, snowboards and has won medals in triathlon events and in gymnastics. Like his sisters, Hunter and Piper, he rides horses, four-wheelers and bikes. He has lots of friends and enjoys having them over to play. He loves to play on the big round bales of hay, which also provides target practice for his bow and arrows.

As a member of Trinity Baptist Church, he attends Sunday school and the Awana program. The Christmas programs provide an opportunity for him to sing and act. He is home schooled and attends Classical Conversations once a week.

While his sisters are at the gym, he and his mother like to go to their favorite gym to work out or swing by dad's office. At home, he has his pets to take care of and lots of school work.

When Kiefer comes to see us, he likes to swing in the big tree swing or play in our backyard pond and find rocks. He likes to play store in our attic or ride on the Polaris with Papa Bob. He is a very loving grandson and so much fun to have around.

We love him very much.



Redek Lee Collins

Redek Lee Collins, 19 months, is the son of Derek and Rachael Collins. He is the grandson of Bill and Vicky Gold, Eddie and Tammy Collins and Buddy Tartsah.

He is the nephew to Marcus Tartsah, Scott and Melissa Morgan, Lindsey Collins, Chad and Shawn Collins and Jake Collins.

It is very exciting and busy when Redek is around. He loves anything to do with a ball, kicking, throwing, batting. He will definitely keep you busy. He loves being around his older cousins and attempting whatever they are doing.

We love you Redek!

Christopher Garrett Morgan



Christopher Garrett Morgan, 7, is the son of Scott and Melissa Morgan. He is the grandson of Bill and Vicky Gold, Shelby and Gayle Morgan and Buddy Tartsah. He is the nephew of Marcus Tartsah, Derek and Rachael Collins and Danny and Stacy Cates.

Garrett is a first grade student and will play his first year of coach-pitch baseball this summer. He enjoys playing basketball and baseball. He is fun to be around and makes us laugh. He has come out of his shyness and now keeps everyone entertained.

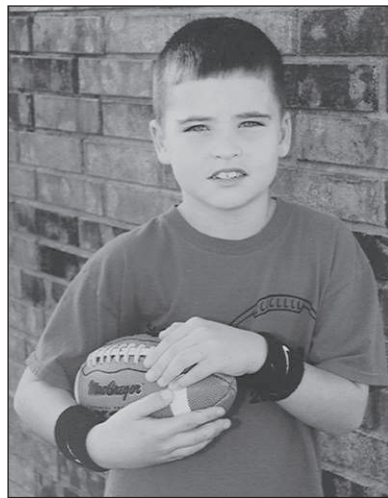
We love you Garrett!

Benjamin Lee Gold

Benjamin Lee Gold, 10, is the son of Billy Jack and Polly Gold and Rusty and Starla Christman. He is the grandson of Bill and Vicky Gold, Harold and Gwenda DePasse and Donna and John Linton.

Ben loves playing football and basketball and hunting and fishing.

We love you Ben!

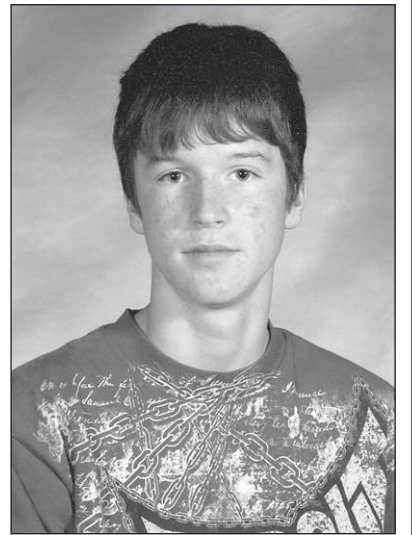


CJ Bills

CJ Bills, 14, is the son of Billy Jack and Polly Gold and Chillie Joe Bills. He is the grandson of Pat Thompson, Joe and Kay Bills and Bill and Vicky Gold.

CJ loves playing basketball and baseball. He loves to fish and hunt. CJ is a very polite and thoughtful young man and is a great student. He is a great role model for our younger grandsons

We love you CJ!



Career Development Initiative Program (CDI) is now accepting applications

The Career Development Initiative Program (CDI) is now accepting applications.

CDI is a six-month transitional program for qualified Chickasaw citizens in the Ada area. The program helps citizens who have a barrier to employment gain full time employment.

For additional information or to apply, please contact the CDI Office at (580) 272-5085.

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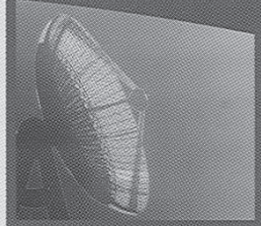
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Coffee resented the Chickasaw position and had ignored their comments and viewpoints. As a result of the dismay at the way they had been treated by General Coffee, more than 40 leaders of the Chickasaw Nation signed the letter with Mr. Colbert.

Throughout his life, Levi Colbert strived to maintain peace with the U.S. government while also maintaining the integrity of the Chickasaw people and culture.

Mr. Colbert died June 2, 1834 at Buzzard Roost, Colbert County, Alabama at the age of

74. He did not live to see his people finally agree to a treaty that would relocate the Chickasaw people to Indian Territory.

Cyrus Harris

Cyrus Harris was the first elected governor of the Chickasaw Nation after the Chickasaw people formally adopted their own constitution in 1856.

Mr. Harris' executive abilities were recognized by his people and he was subsequently elected Governor for five different 2-year terms. He served from 1856-58, 1860-62, 1866-68, 1868-70, and 1872-74.

During his time as governor,

Mr. Harris continued to express the concerns over the infiltration of non-Indian people on Chickasaw lands and policies of the federal government advocating for allotment of Chickasaw lands held in common.

He was a strong advocate for education and signed numerous pieces of legislation leading to the establishment and maintenance of boarding schools in the Nation.

Mr. Harris was fluent in both Chickasaw and English and became an interpreter at the numerous councils held to ar-

range details of the Chickasaw removal to the West.

After moving to Indian Territory in 1837, he eventually settled on the Blue River in present day Johnston County, Okla. and opened a successful mercantile business.

Mr. Harris accompanied Edmund Pickens as a delegate to Washington in 1850 and served again in 1854.

Mr. Harris was born August 22, 1817 to Elizabeth Oxberry and James Harris near Pontotoc, Mississippi, on the estate of his grandmother, Molly Colbert Gunn.

His grandfather was General William Colbert, a renowned leader of the Chickasaws.

In 1827, he was sent to Monroe Mission School and later to an Indian school in Giles County, Tennessee. In 1830, he returned to Mississippi to live with his grandmother, mother and later his uncle Martin Colbert.

Cyrus Harris died January 6, 1888 at the age of 70 in Mill Creek in what is now Oklahoma.

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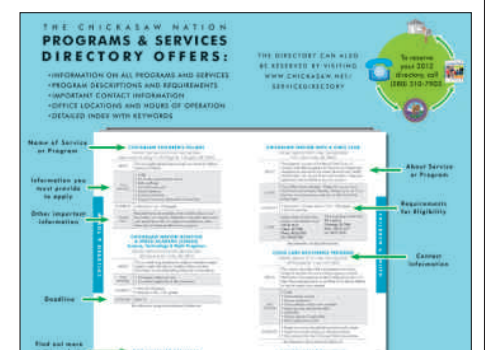
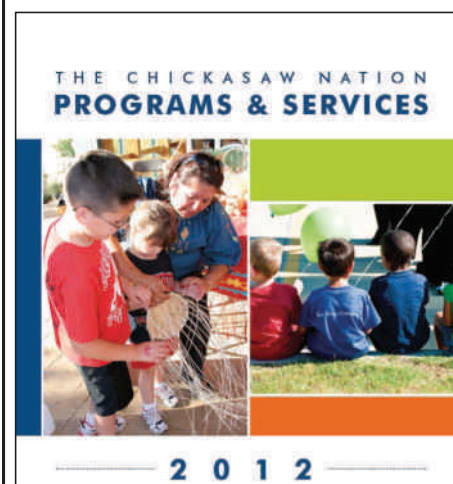


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REINVENTING YOURSELF | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

As Gov. Anoatubby explained, “The state of the nation was pretty bad. We had 11 million dollars in the budget – 99.99% federal funds. Anytime that you’re operating federal programs, they tell you what to do. We needed... to move away from that federal thumb.”

Gov. Anoatubby had a vision for the re-invention of the entire Chickasaw Nation, and won election as Governor that year. In the ensuing 25 years, his mantra – you learn by teaching – has helped individual Chickasaws to re-invent themselves individually, to mentor others, to develop their creativity and to build a stunningly successful society. Chickasaw composer Jerod Tate is just one of the people to

have benefited, and the show also watches him passing his wisdom to a new generation of young artists.

This is one episode of an ongoing series of films on creativity, produced by InCA Productions and presented to the Public Television Network by OETA Oklahoma and NETA, the National Educational Television Association. “ReCreating America” was created and produced by Lizzie Kennard and David Kennard.

The film is scheduled for PBS station premieres on OETA Oklahoma, Thursday, May 3 at 9 p.m., and KQED-2 (KTEH) San Francisco Bay Area on Sunday, April 15 at 6 p.m.

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InCA Films senior producer moved by tribe’s successful ‘reinvention’



DAVID KENNARD

InCA Films senior producer David Kennard and Gov. Bill Anoatubby met several years ago at a Creative Oklahoma, Inc., gathering in Oklahoma City. The few minutes of conversation between the two men convinced Mr. Kennard he must visit the Chickasaw Nation and discover more about the tribe and its people.

“I traveled to the Chickasaw Nation and we produced a film on creative techniques being employed at several schools,” Mr. Kennard said. “We visited the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy at East Central University and I was tremendously impressed.”

Mr. Kennard, whose company has offices in several cities, including San Francisco, met Chickasaw composer Jerod Tate at the Arts Academy. The San Francisco Symphony was, coincidentally, at that time re-

cording and performing original scores by Mr. Tate.

“The San Francisco Symphony rarely does something like that (recordings), and here I was in Oklahoma with the composer of that original music,” Mr. Kennard said. “And this composer was here sharing his knowledge and techniques with these outstanding young Chickasaw musicians.”

Mr. Kennard knew he was onto something special.

Following his film on creativity in education, he turned his attention to the Chickasaw Nation, Gov. Anoatubby and Chickasaw empowerment. The more he discovered about the culture of the Chickasaw Nation, he said, the more he saw the keys to the tribal success.

“Gov. Anoatubby empowers people,” Mr. Kennard said. “He helps foster creativity. He is a ‘social entrepreneur.’”

In this third film in the series, “reinvention” is explored. Four stories of people who have recreated themselves and achieved success are capped in the final 18 minutes with a focus on Gov. Anoatubby.

“The Chickasaw story is tremendous,” Mr. Kennard said. “We wanted to show how this empowerment has such a big effect on people. It becomes an avalanche. We said to ourselves, ‘Look at what they are doing!’”

Chickasaw Casting Call June 29-30, 2012

The Chickasaw Nation has many avenues for Chickasaw citizens to share their acting, modeling, or voice talent. A casting call, open to citizens of all ages, will be conducted June 29 from 1-6 p.m. and June 30 from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Each participant will have 10 minutes to present his or her talent in the areas of focus listed below.

Areas of focus include:

- Voice (off camera, off stage)- examples: promotions on KCNP, narration, story telling
- Modeling – examples: calendars, progress report, brochures, etc.
- Video- examples: commercials, documentaries, movies

Individuals interested in attending the casting call should mail the completed application below to Jody Teeter, Post Office Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821 or complete an online application at www.chickasaw.net. All applications for minors must be signed by a parent or guardian.

No prior experience required.

Applicants will be mailed/emailed more information (including time slot) once applications are received.

The deadline for submitting applications is June 15, 2012.

The day of the casting call, applicants should arrive 15 minutes prior to their allotted time slot for registration. Applicants that miss their allotted time will be placed on a waiting list to audition after all registered time slots are completed, and as time permits. In addition, all minors must be accompanied to the casting call by a parent or guardian. Individuals who have a resume or head shots are asked to bring copies to registration. Resumes and head shots will be kept on file, and will not be returned.

No travel reimbursements will be issued.

Chickasaw Casting Call Application June 29-30, 2012

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Home Phone No.: _____ Alternate Contact No.: _____

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Male: _____ Female: _____ Age: _____ School Grade: _____

Chickasaw Citizen (please include copy of Chickasaw Citizenship card/certificate): _____

Areas of interest: Please check all areas of interest

Voice ☐ Modeling ☐ Video ☐

Participant’s Name (print) Participant’s Signature Date

Parent/Guardian’s Name Parent/Guardian’s signature Date

Deadline to submit application is June 15, 2012. **No Travel Reimbursement.** All Travel is at the expense of the person auditioning.

Mail completed application to: **Jody Teeter, PO Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.**

Application can be completed and submitted online at www.chickasaw.net

Tribal WIC program offers quality nutrition, support services to families

The Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) extends its services to everyone who needs encouragement and support in feeding their families. The program offers up-to-date specialized nutrition education along with an expanded supplemental food package for growing children from the prenatal period up to age five.

The program puts families' feeding concerns first and works with families to provide the very best for their growing children. It also helps participants improve their diets, get immunizations and health care if needed as well as encourages women to breastfeed.

Appointment is just a phone call away and services are available to anyone who meets the following guidelines:

- Pregnant or breastfeeding.
- Have had a baby in the past six months or have a child up

to five years of age.

- Meet WIC income guidelines.
- Have a nutritional screening at the WIC office to determine if they are at nutritional risk.

Homeless persons are served immediately upon request if the above criteria are met.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the program has been serving the community for more than 30 years. Currently, the program serves the needs of more than 3,900 participants.

Chickasaw Nation WIC benefits are issued utilizing a magnetic strip card known as Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card. The card is the first of its kind to be used among the Oklahoma WIC agencies and works just like a debit or credit card. It replaces the traditional paper check or voucher and gives families freedom of purchasing the

WIC food they need with each trip to the store, without losing the remaining balance for the month. At the end of the transaction, a receipt is printed with information about remaining WIC food benefit balance.

A WIC food package includes milk, cheese, fruit juice, eggs, cereal, whole grains, canned fish, peanut butter, beans/peas as well as fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables. Infant foods are also offered and formula for infants is provided if needed.

Enhanced food packages are offered to breastfeeding

women and peer counselors are available to assist them in having a successful breastfeeding experience. Electric breast pumps are also available for use by WIC participants in any of the Chickasaw Nation WIC Clinics.

In the summer months, the participants are eligible for Farmers Market Nutrition Program checks for the purchase of Oklahoma-grown fresh fruits and vegetables from authorized farmers markets and farm stands throughout the Chickasaw Nation and surrounding areas.

Chickasaw Nation WIC Clinics are located in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Duncan and the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

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Chickasaw homeowners who have received an initial landscaping package will be eligible for a supplemental package every other year. This supplemental package includes one tree, two shrubs, two grasses and six flowers. This year, a large variety of fruit trees are also available.

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There are no income guidelines for participation in the program. Proof of home ownership is required. Acceptable documentation of home ownership may be one of the following: homeowner's insurance binders, property tax documents or home mortgage papers. A utility bill and a copy of a Chickasaw citizenship card are also required. Home ownership documentation and utility bill must show the physical address, not the legal address or post office box.

Chickasaw citizens with new construction homes, which have been completed within the last six months, may call to inquire about sod installation for their new home. The homeowner will be responsible for all dirt work in preparing for the sod. The installation of

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To place a sod order, call the numbers listed below on Monday mornings beginning at 7 a.m. Orders may be picked up Friday of the same week. Trailer requirements for picking up sod will be explained during the call. The best times for picking up an order is 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information or to request required forms call (580) 399-9991 or (580) 235-7234 email karla.windyboy@chickasaw.net.

Rabies Clinics scheduled

Native American pet owners are invited to bring their cats and dogs for free vaccinations at one of several rabies clinics planned this summer. Participants should bring CDIB or tribal citizenship cards. Vaccinations quantities are limited; first come first serve.

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April 18 and May 16
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529 S. Latta Road (The Chickasaw Nation landscaping building)

Contact : 580-436-7256
Ardmore
April 27 and May 11
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
2350 Chickasaw Blvd. (Duncan Area Office)
Contact: 580-226-4821

Duncan
Date: May 2
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: 1911 West Plato (behind senior center)
Contact: 580-470-2131

Pauls Valley
May 9
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Pauls Valley Wacker Park
Contact: 405-207-9883

Purcell
June 6
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
1603 S. Green Ave. (Purcell Area Office)

Contact: 405-527-4973
Sulphur
May 9
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
4970 W. Hwy. 7 (Sulphur Area Office)
Contact: 580-622-8888

Colbert
June 7
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
1015 Moore Ave. (Panola Senior Center)
Contact: 580-371-9512

Connerville
June 14
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
6700 N. Hwy. 377 (Connerville Senior Center)
Contact: 580-371-9512

Tishomingo
June 21
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
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Madill
June 28
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Bryan County Clinic Pharmacy at 1524 W. Chuckwa, Durant, Okla.

Carter County

Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Senior Center at 949 Locust NW, Ardmore, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Health Clinic at 2510 Chickasaw Blvd., Ardmore.

Garvin County

Chickasaw Nation Pauls Valley Senior Center at 109 N. Indian Meridian Road, Pauls Valley, Okla.

Pauls Valley Police Department at 215 North Walnut Street, Pauls Valley

Garvin County Court House at 201 West Grant, Pauls Valley.

Johnston County

Chickasaw Nation Connerville Senior Center at 6700 N. Hwy. 377, Connerville, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Health Clinic Pharmacy at 815 E. 6th Street, Tishomingo, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Senior Center at 1199 W. Ray Branum Road, Tishomingo.

Marshall County

Chickasaw Nation Madill Senior Center at Corner of Hwy 70 and 5th Street, Oakland, Okla.

Madill Police Department at 201 East Overton Street, Madill, Okla.

McClain County

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department North Office at US highway 62 and SE 32nd St., Newcastle, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation Purcell Health Clinic at 1438 Hardcastle Blvd., Purcell, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation Purcell Senior Center at 703 Sherri Classic Blvd., Purcell.

Murray County

Chickasaw Nation Sulphur Senior Center at 401 E. Oklahoma, Sulphur, Okla.

Pontotoc County

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department Headquarters at 1130 W. Main, Ada, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation Ada Senior Center at 1005 Chamber Loop, Ada

Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Pharmacy at 1921 Stonecipher Blvd., Ada.

Chickasaw Nation ReUse center at 2205 North Broadway, Ada

Allen Police Department at 109 N Memphis St., Allen, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation Kullihoma Senior Center (12 miles east of Ada on Hwy. 1, then 5 miles south on Kullihoma Road)

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For more information, contact Tammy Hughes at (580) 436-1166.

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Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

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- Emergency Department Physician (Ada)
- Dentist (Ardmore Clinic)
- Optometrist (Ada)
- Magnetic Resonance Technologist (Ada)
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Physician Assistant

For details on any of these professional positions, please contact:

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Chickasaw Nation Division of Health

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Isis Hilton is February Student of the Month

Ms. Isis Hilton has been selected February 2012 Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month.

Isis is a senior at Marietta High School and has been a member of the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound for three years. She was also Student of the Month in April 2010.

Isis has participated in many volunteer activities. She has participated in March of Dimes, Meals on Wheels, clothes drives, volunteered in her school concession and collected canned food for those in need and Cans for Africa.

She is involved in the Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), National Technical Honors Society, Oklahoma Honor Society, Health Occupation Student Association and National Honor Society.

An avid pianist, Isis has competed at the district level and received an award.

Her future plans are to attend Southwestern Oklahoma State University to pursue her dream of becoming a pharmacist.



Isis Hilton

Berry, Attebury, Callahan named Foundation Spring scholarship recipients

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce the Spring 2012 recipients of the Chickasaw Foundation Career Technology Scholarship, Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship and the Donald D. & J. Wenonah Gunning Memorial Scholarship.

Ms. Tayler Berry is the recipient of the Chickasaw Foundation Career Technology Scholarship. She is a student attending Southern Oklahoma Technology Center Nursing Program.

Mr. Robert Attebury received the Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship. He is a junior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in aviation.

Ms. Victoria Callahan is the recipient of the Donald D. & J. Wenonah Gunning Memorial Scholarship. She is a freshman at

Southeast Missouri State University majoring in journalism.

The Chickasaw Foundation offers a variety of scholarships. Each year scholarship applications are offered in early spring. Scholarship funding begins with each fall semester and is dependent upon the availability of funding. Scholarship awards shall be made payable directly to the students' designated college or university. Requirements and amounts for each funding source may change during the course of a school year.

All scholarship applications must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline date to be considered for funding.

The Chickasaw Foundation provides educational assistance for students who demonstrate excellence in academics, community service, and dedication to Native America and a commitment to learning.

If you would like to obtain a copy of this year's application you can find it on our website at www.chickasawfoundation.org. For additional information, please contact our office at (580) 421-9030.



Tayler Berry



Robert Attebury



Victoria Callahan

Upward Bound students join in Trio Day at state capitol

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students recently attended 2012 Trio Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol building on February 22.

Over 70 students had the opportunity to listen to an outstanding list of speakers, including Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin and U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, voice their support for all Trio programs across the state.

Highlighting the event were speeches made by Trio alumni from the same disadvantaged

backgrounds as current Upward Bound students, touching on the success they have found in part by Upward Bound and other similar Trio programs.

Prior to the event, Upward Bound and other Trio program students collected canned goods in partnership with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma.

Over the past few months, Upward Bound students were able to collect more than 20 boxes of food.



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students at the State Capitol building with their canned good items on Trio Day 2012.

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It is time once again to feature our Chickasaw High School Seniors!

The *Chickasaw Times* would like to congratulate each of you on your accomplishment by featuring you in our May 2012 issue.

Your biography and photo will appear in this special issue if you complete the form below and mail it to us with a photo no later than *Friday, April 20, 2012*.

Notice:

Please send an original photo (not a photo copy). The photo will be returned to the address provided.

Also include a **contact number** in case we have questions.

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Senior Profile Form



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(If parents are deceased or divorced, please indicate)

Grandparents _____

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ACHILLE
Achille Area Chickasaws
Quarterly, last Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

CONNERVILLE

Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON

Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

NEWCASTLE

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Billy Hester, 405-340-5469

PURCELL

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
John Hobbs, 405-922-3926

TISHOMINGO

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

ARIZONA

Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA

Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Bi-Monthly
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219

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Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

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NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Chris Rodke, 505-450-4802

NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
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Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

OREGON/WASHINGTON

Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Charles Holland, 512-341-0024

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Mark Fields, 210-269-2619

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday
John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692

Tyler Area Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Howard Thompson, 903-570-9244

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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Chickasaw Nation Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
February 17, 2012

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson David Woerz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
Members present: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs , Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Member absent: Beth Alexander
Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Mike Watson, Dana Lance, Michael L. Wingo, Tony Choate, S. Ashley Large, Judy Goforth Parker, Jefferson Keel

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - January 20, 2012

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve the January 20, 2012, minutes.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz
12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2012 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 29-015, Authorizing an Oil and Gas Lease to Stephens Production Company for Arkansas Riverbed Acreage in Leflore and Sequoyah Counties

This resolution authorizes and approves an Oil and

Gas Lease in favor of Stephens Production Company, 623 Garrison Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72902-2407. The lease will be for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rent for a total of \$4.32 per annum, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$0.54 per annum. The royalty rate is 18.75% from January 2003 to current, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive 2.344%, then at a rate of 3.125% for all future production. This lease will be automatically extended so long as oil or gas is harvested in “paying quantities.” This lease will be located on the Arkansas Riverbed and is jointly owned between the Cherokee Nation, the Choctaw Nation and the Chickasaw Nation, of which the Chickasaw Nation owns a one-eighth undivided interest. This is a well that has been in trespass and the lease was negotiated by Charlie Robertson, Executive Director of the Arkansas Riverbed Authority.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mrs. Green to approve GR29-015.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR29-015 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 29-016, To Repeal and Rescind General Resolution 23-038 and Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property (Enos Community Center)

The Chickasaw Nation previously acquired a certain tract of land within Marshall County, Oklahoma, and the legal description contained in GR23-038 was insufficient for use in placing the land into trust. The legal description required by the Bureau of Indian Affairs is more particularly described in Attachment “A” hereto. The Bureau of Indian Affairs requires the resolution to contain the exact legal description

of the land being submitted for fee to trust with the U.S.A., and authorizes the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the above described tract of land U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation, if such is advantageous. The property is the Enos Community Center, located five miles north of the center of City of Enos, Oklahoma on Highway 70F on the east side of the road.

This resolution is deemed Emergency Legislation because it was received after the deadline.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR29-016.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR29-016 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

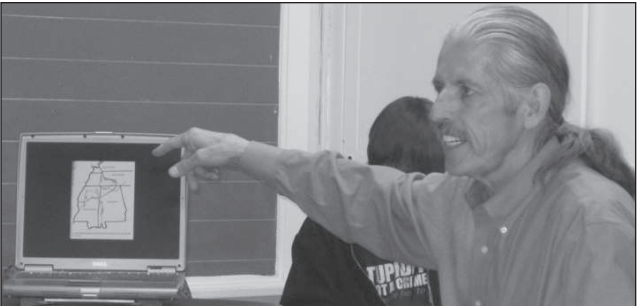
National Congress of American Indian (NCAI) Update by Lieutenant Governor Jefferson Keel

Lieutenant Governor Keel gave a brief report on NCAI and its role in Indian Country. He announced the Winter Session is scheduled for the week of March 6, in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments regarding per capita payments for citizens and the education of our children.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:18 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Dean McManus, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Colorado Chickasaw Community Council



Robin Gunning

The Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado met on Saturday, March 10 at the Denver Indian Center to listen to member Robin Gunning tell the story of his mother’s life and times.

His stories let us journey vicariously through the lives of his ancestors beginning with his great-grandmother, Ela-Teecha, and the hard times of the Chickasaw Removal and the changes that the Civil War brought. He finished up by sharing some stories from his mother, Wenonah Paul, from the time she attended the Bloomfield Academy as a child.

It was wonderful to learn that the Chickasaw have always valued education and found ways to make it available to our children, then as well as now. You can visit Robin’s blog and read his stories at <http://blog.wenonahsstories.com/>

2010-2011 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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Jerome Ervin (Red) Caudle



Jerome Ervin (Red) Caudle, 94, died March 2, 2012 at Tyler, Texas. Services were March 5, at Restland Funeral Home, Dallas.

Mr. Caudle was born December 18, 1917 at Ada, Okla., to Joseph Edgar Caudle and Alice Quincy Caudle.

He married Burnace Mae Scott on April 22, 1939 at Tishomingo, Okla.

Mr. Caudle was a longtime member of the Model A Club of Dallas. He appeared as an extra along with his daughter, Marsha, in the movie Bonnie and Clyde when the club's members provided vehicles for the movie set. He was an avid NASCAR fan and motorsports fan.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Herbert M Quincy, an original Chickasaw enrollee; his parents, Joseph Edgar Caudle and Alice Quincy Caudle, Chickasaw/Choc-taw original enrollee; his wife, Burnace; and siblings, Edwin Otekah and Lucille (Bootie).

He is survived by daughters, Shonda and husband, Larry Jenkins, of Holly Lake Ranch, Texas, and Marsha and husband, Terry Ernst, of Lebanon, Ill.; granddaughter, Danielle and husband, Eugene Tsai, of Dallas; and great-grandson, Jacob Tsai, of Dallas.

Minnie Gipson



Minnie Gipson, 86, of Pontotoc, Okla., died February 26, 2012. Services were March 1 at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, Ada, Okla., with the Revs. Allen Beck and Randy Wade officiating. Burial followed at Seeley-Blue Cemetery near Connerville, Okla.

She was born October 21, 1925 at Connerville, to Watson and Frances Wisdom Carter.

She attended Bellview School near Mill Creek, Okla. She married Andrew Gipson in September 1943. He preceded her in death December 3, 2003.

Mrs. Gipson was a certified nurse's assistant at Valley View Regional Hospital, Ada, Okla., retiring after 25 years of service. She was a member of Seeley United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Leslie Gipson and James Gipson; a brother, Charlie Carter; and three sisters, Vinola Brown, Wanda Wagon and Erie Cravatt.

She is survived by two daughters, Vonda Factor and husband, Vernon, of Pontotoc, and Barbara Martinez, of Dallas; two sons, Billy Gipson and wife, Amanda, of Sasakwa, Okla., and Shawn Gipson, of Ada; 9 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two daughters-in-law, Mary Gipson, of Ada, and Tina Gipson, of Espanola, N.M.

Bearers were Harlan Shields, Chris Gipson, Alan Gipson, Chas-Ke Martinez, Jon Gipson, Watson Wagon, and Terry Wagon. Honorary Bearer was Matthew Barnoski.

Online condolences may be sent to criswellfh.com.

Cordelia "Cordy" Darnell Hayes Greenwood



Cordelia Darnell Greenwood, 82, of Ada, Okla., died February 19, 2012 at a local hospital. Services were February 24 at Hickory Hill Baptist Church (near Fittstown, Okla.) with Deacon Glen Cockrill and Rev. David Atkins officiating. Burial followed at Hickory Hill Cemetery.

She was born April 7, 1929 at Stonewall, Okla., to Charley Dobbins Davis and Eva Hayes. She was the granddaughter of Chickasaw original enrollee, Clara Hayes #219. She was raised by her great-grandmother, Agnes Melville Hayes, a Chickasaw original enrollee #218 until the age of six. She was then raised to adulthood by her great-uncle and great-aunt Jack and Rosie Hayes Atkins.

She attended Carter Seminary, Ardmore, Okla., and graduated from Bacone High School, Muskogee, Okla.

She married Henry Neal Greenwood on July 15, 1950 in Ada, Okla. He preceded her in death March 23, 1999.

Mrs. Greenwood worked at Blue Bell and had been a nurse's aide at Cowling Hospital in Ada. She was also a homemaker.

She was a member of Hickory Hill Baptist Church where she was a member of WMU and served as a Sunday School teacher. She was a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her adoptive parents; her husband; a son, Richard Hayes; and a brother, Gene Atkins.

She is survived by two sons, Marland Greenwood, of Ada, and Anthony Greenwood, of Stonewall, Okla.; three daughters, Paulette Greenwood, of Stratford, Okla., Delores Stick, of Ada, and Roberta Green-

wood, of Union Valley, Okla.; two brothers, JC Atkins, of Garland, Texas and David D. Atkins and wife, Lola, of Albuquerque; a sister, Rita Yepa and husband, Kemp, of Jemez Pueblo, N.M.; seven grandchildren, Stephanie Del Frate, Sonya Tiger-Brown, Shawn Stick, Erika Daniels, Wayne Greenwood, Marcus McPherson and Brandon Greenwood; 12 great-grandchildren, Johnathon, Isiah, Micah, Treston, Taylor, Shaun, Camrun, Madison, Alyssia, Gracy, Kylie and Makyna; and many other relatives.

Bearers were Stanton Atkins, Preston Brown, Terry Del Frate, Wilson Roberts, Michael Roberts and Buster Greenwood. Online condolences may be sent to criswellfh.com.

Mary Sue Lynch

Mary Sue Lynch, 77, of Sherman, Texas, died February 23, 2012. Services were February 27 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel, Frisco, Texas, with Pastor Michael T. Smith officiating. Interment followed at the Little Elm Cemetery.

She was born November 22, 1934 to Mary and W.T. "Jack" Kinney at Sulphur, Okla. She was a great-great-grandchild of Cyrus Harris, first governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

She married Carl Lynch August 7, 1952 at Oklahoma City. They raised four children together.

She played the piano by ear and was known for her exceptional singing voice. She loved to dance, travel and visit Sulphur. She always brought a jar of water back with her so she could "smell home."

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Lynch; her parents Mary Russell and Jack Kinney.

She is survived by four children, James Lynch, of Albuquerque, Steven Lynch and wife, Lori, of Wataugo, Texas, Karla Stovall and husband, Vern, of Lewisville, Texas, and LaDonna Thompson and husband, Mike, of Pottsboro, Texas; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother, Jim Kinney and wife, Sally, of Oklahoma City; a sister, Carole Cory and husband, Larry, of El Campo, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

An online guestbook is available at www.turrentinejackson-morrow.com

Douglas Fairbanks Kale

Douglas Fairbanks Kale, of Gene Autry, Okla., died peacefully March 7, 2012, with his wife by his side. A memorial service was March 17, at the Methodist Church on Main Street in Ardmore, Okla.

The son of Henry Ace and Lurena Cheadle Kale he was born January 21, 1923, at Hewitt, Okla.

He was a beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. His health had declined over the past few years; however, he still loved to sing and play the guitar.

He was very active in the Chickasaw Nation and the VFW for many years. Giving tirelessly to those that were in need brought him much joy. He was a member of the American Legion.

He loved his family very much and enjoyed spending time with them laughing, singing and reminiscing about the good old days. He was loved by many and will be missed.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Ace Kale; mother, Lurena Cheadle Kale; sisters, Ramona Slater, Melba Marie Reid, Helen (Cassie) Stokes; brothers, Wilson (Curley), Claywood (Tex), Jack, Kenneth (Chee) and Carroll Wayne (Buck) Kale.

He is survived by his wife, Jessie Carrillo Kale, of Gene Autry; a daughter, Karen Kale, of Corpus Christi, Texas; a son, Fabian Kale, of Austin; a brother, Henry (Bear) Ace Kale, of Ardmore; stepdaughters, Sonia Massey, of Dripping Springs, Texas, and Sylvia Sisbarro of Austin; two stepsons, Adan Fernandez, of Ardmore, and David Carrillo, of Freer, Texas; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sequoyah Perry



Sequoyah Perry died February 10, 2012, at his home. A memorial service to celebrate his life was February 15 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

He was born on October 25, 1926, at Ardmore, Okla., to John Henry Perry Sr. and Vera Sallie Courtney Perry. He and his family moved to Lubbock at an early age. He attended Lubbock schools, graduating from Lubbock High School in 1944. He attended Texas Tech briefly before joining the Army Air Corps near the end of World War II. He returned to Texas Tech, where he was a member of the marching band, graduating with a bachelor of business administration.

He joined the family business, Tontine Shade Shop, working with his father. He married Joy Sebright in 1956 and took over the family business in 1958 and renamed it the Window Covering Company, where he remained active until he retired in 2006 due to health reasons.

Mr. Perry had many hobbies and interests. He was an instrument rated pilot and loved fast cars, motorcycles and piloting his airplanes. He enjoyed motor boating and taught everyone in the family to water ski. He spent time outdoors fishing, sailing, and camping with family and friends. In later years, he enjoyed day trading the stock market.

He was active in the Campfire Girls organization, serving on the board and as candy sales chairman during his daughters' involvement in the organization. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church for many years, where he served on the vestry, was

a lay reader, and served on many other committees over the years.

He was a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, John H. Perry Jr.; and a daughter, Sally Perry.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Joy Perry; three daughters, Melissa Perry and husband, Ken Hollingsworth, of Hewitt, Texas, Michelle Perry Berridge and husband, Ken, of Watsonville, Calif., and Marcella Perry, of Lubbock, Texas; a son, Sequoyah Perry Jr. and wife, Carolyn, of Lubbock; and six grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to St. Paul's Memorial Fund or a favorite charity.

Mack Lenard Sharpe



Mack Lenard Sharpe, 70, of Del City, Okla., died March 20, 2012 at Del City. A service will not be conducted.

He was born December 13, 1941 to Mack and Oleta Sharpe at Ada, Okla.

He worked as a driller in the oil field. He enjoyed reading and watching old westerns.

He served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was preceded in death by, his parents, Mack and Oleta Sharpe; and a sister Linda Ray.

He is survived by a son, Dan Sharpe and wife Debbie; a daughter, Katheryn Watson and husband Patrick; six grandchildren, Errol Sharpe, Sydney Sharpe, Maci Watson, Eric Sharpe, Evan Sharpe and Carlie Watson; four sisters, Lois Murry, Louise Molloy and husband Jackie, Julie Luttrell and Lee Ann Luttrell; and a host of nieces and nephews and other loving family members.

Evelyn Lena Thomas



Evelyn Lena Thomas, 92, died February 13, 2012. A celebration of her life was February 17, at Brown's Funeral Service Chapel with Bro. Howard Stanley officiating. Interment followed in Highland Cemetery.

She was born January 5, 1920 at Brown, Okla., to Archie Euel and Margaret (Krause) Hicks.

She attended and graduated from Cobb School and earned her bachelor's degree from Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla.

She taught school in Texas and after retirement she moved back to Bryan (OK) County and continued to be a substitute teacher.

She married James Bud "JB" Thomas November 27, 1940 at Durant, Okla., and they spent 67 years together until his passing in 2007.

She was a member of Nida (OK) Baptist Church and she enjoyed cooking, gardening and being a "farm girl".

She was preceded in death by her mother Margaret Hicks; father and step-mother, Archie and Hannah Hicks; an infant daughter, Pamela Kay Thomas; 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

She is survived by James Lewis Thomas and wife, Sue, of Durant, Larry Gene Thomas, of Denison, Texas, Ronnie Dean Thomas and wife, Judy, of Nida and Kristi Lyn Guiou and husband Brent, of Terrell, Texas; brothers, J.W. Hicks and wife Zelda, of Durant and Edward Hicks and wife, Cookie, of California; a sister Dorothy Testerman, of Marietta, Okla.; grandchildren Josh Thomas, Jennifer Thomas, Robert Thomas, Dakota Thomas, Matthew Thomas, Misty Thomas, Amanda Guiou, Justin Guiou, Rebecca Moody, Ginger Jones, Keith Giles and Robin Giles; 14

great-grandchildren; and other extended family and friends.

Pallbearers were Josh Thomas, Robert Thomas, Dakota Thomas, Matthew Thomas, Justin Guiou and Judy Thomas. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Mike Lee, Jon Jackson, Ron Clark and Keith Giles.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

Kathryn Jane Gable (Cobbs)

Kathryn Jane Gable (Cobbs) died March 13, 2012. She was laid to rest March 21 at the Evergreen Cemetery, Minco, Okla.

She was born May 25, 1941 at Okmulgee, Okla.

She was talented, creative and enjoyed designing everything from floral arrangements to the interior design of the custom homes she and her husband built while residing in Arizona.

Mrs. Gable was proud of her Chickasaw heritage and loved

Note of Thanks

Our family wishes to express our sincerest thanks and appreciation to all our loving family and friends who gave support, encouragement and prayers during the loss of our family matriarch.

We would also like to thank our church family, Hickory Hill Baptist Church, the Chickasaw Nation for their support, to those who prepared and served

her people. Her heritage came from her mother's side of the family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Woody Cobbs and Carrie Lee Crites; and her youngest son, Daniel Gable.

She is survived by her loving husband of 54 years and high school sweetheart, Floyd Allen Gable; three children, Timothy Gable, of Galax, Va., Debora Sable, of Payson, Ariz. and Kimberly Maloy, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a sister Brandi Deming, of Oklahoma City; a brother, Gregory Cobbs, of Oklahoma City; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

food, to those who sent flowers, Larry and Jo Ann Hawkins for the beautiful music, the Chickasaw Nation Legislature and a very special thanks to Beth Alexander and Katie Case for their support. We will be forever grateful. Again, to all Chukmashki.

The family of Cordila "Cordy" Darnell Hayes Greenwood.

Note of Thanks

The family of Minnie Gipson would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to: All family and friends who attended Mom's funeral to pay their last respects, to Criswell Funeral Home for hosting the funeral service and the Chickasaw Nation for the beautiful casket spray. A very special thanks goes out to Brother Randy Wade and Allen Beck for their calming and consoling words. We were deeply touched and are thankful that you were there for us at such a difficult time.

Thanks to Nancy Wade, Luther John and all the singers. The Choctaw songs were wonderful (a job well done). Thank you Chickasaw Nation for the

food donation and to the Connerville Senior Site for allowing us to use the facility and to the employees who donated their time to prepare the food.

Thanks to all who donated food for the home and for all the beautiful flower arrangements you sent (I am sure Mom loved it). Vonda would like to thank her friends at work at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center for covering for her during her time of grief.

I personally would like to thank my sister Vonda for all the care, love and "patience" she gave Mom during the last several years. Thanks Tince. You will never know just how much this really meant to all of us.

MARCH 2012 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 29-017**Application for Grants under the U.S. Department of Justice****Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation**

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's grant application for the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation from the United States Department of Justice. The grant solicitation combines all Department of Justice grants into one coordinated application. The requested funds will be utilized to address six areas including Community Oriented Policing (COPS), Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (TSASP), Tribal Governments Program (TGP), Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities (CJAPIC), Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance Program (CTVAP) and Tribal Youth Program (TYP).

The COPS grant will enhance law enforcement by funding new patrol vehicles, new equipment, a replacement dive boat and equipment and training for law enforcement officers; the TSASP grant will serve sexual assault victims by funding a nurse to coordinate the sexual assault nurse exam (SANE) program; the TGP grant will address victimization needs by continued funding of sexual assault services including transportation and transitional housing for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking; the CJAPIC grant will address child abuse by funding a position to provide direct services to victims of child abuse and their families; the CTVAP grant will address victimization by funding an advocacy program for all victims of crime and their families; and the TYP grant will focus on preventing delinquency by engaging at-risk tribal youth in activities centered on cultural preservation and minimizing risk factors associated with delinquency.

The grant proposal is not to exceed \$3,365,000 during the three (3) year grant cycle.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 29-018**Approval of Recreational Lease in McCurtain County**

Explanation: Wade Batchelor has proposed a Recreational Lease on property owned USA in Trust for The Choctaw & Chickasaw Nations (Tract #1108). It is described as being New Island North of the Red River in Section 32; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, plus accreted land in Section 33, Township 10 South, Range 27 East, Mc-

Curtain County, Oklahoma, containing 545.83 acres, more or less, and the proposed recreational Lease shall be for a term of three (3) years and was set to begin on February 1, 2011 and expire January 31, 2014. The offer of payment is \$3,842.00 per year, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$960.50 per year. In addition to the lease, Mr. Batchelor has agreed to not sublease this property; to adhere to all fish and game regulations as set forth by the Oklahoma Fish and Game Department; and that the Choctaw Nation Forestry program may schedule projects for this property. This lease has been approved by the Choctaw Nation in Council Bill CB-84-11.

Property Location: Southeast corner of McCurtain County at the Red River.

Use: Recreational Lease

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 29-019**Authorization for Right of Entry In Love County**

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) to enter the property known as the Winstar tract to begin surveying the property, relocating utilities, and other construction activities necessary for completion of the interchange project at Rogers Road and Interstate 35 in Love County, Oklahoma. This property is a held U.S.A. in trust for the Chickasaw Nation and the consent form in Exhibit A is an approved form from the BIA to be used for this purpose.

1 Northwest corner of Winstar property, Love County, Oklahoma

Use: Consent of owner's right of entry

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

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**Committee of the Whole Meeting
March 12, 2012**

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Connie Barker
**Election Rules & Regulation Ad Hoc Committee
March 5, 2012**

Present: Steve Woods, Beth Alexander, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, David Woerz

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert

**Finance Committee
March 12, 2012**

Present: Scott Colbert, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

**Human Resources Committee
March 5, 2012**

Present: Dean McManus, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Absent: Scott Colbert
**Land Development Committee
March 5, 2012**

Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Connie Barker, Tim Colbert

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